

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATION AT CAESAREA
ACTS 10:1-48

IT WAS NOTED FOR ATTENTION

1. Unprejudiced attention. HEAR ALL THINGS Acts 10:33
2. Docile attention. Willing TO HEAR ALL THINGS COMMANDED OF GOD. Acts 10:33
3. Practical attention. THEY WERE WILLING TO CONSIDER.
4. SUCCESSFUL ATTENTION. Heard, Believed what they heard. Obeyed what they heard.

THOSE INVOLVED IN MEETING

1. THE AUDIENCE

1. Though not large, it was a splendid audience. Many (how many) were come together.
2. This audience realized that God was present.
(1) We are all here present before God. Acts 10:33
3. This audience made up of those who came for the express purpose ~~to~~ hear God's word. Not just in part but in entirety. Acts 10:33
(1) Faith cometh by hearing. Rom. 10:17

2. THE PREACHER

1. This preacher for the meeting at Caesarea was not a pampered, self-glory seeking preacher.
2. He was not pronounced as: DEEP, COLORFUL, ULTIMATE
3. He had not come to be worshipped: STAND UP, I MYSELF ALSO AM A MAN. Acts 10:26
4. Peter did not come to reconcile science with revelation. Preach some new doctrine.

3. THE SERMON

1. Peter opened his mouth. Acts 10:34
2. He preached the old gospel of Pentecost.
3. He preached as it might be the last sermon he would ever preach.
4. He made the audience feel that it might be the last sermon they would ever hear.
5. Not a new theology, new creed, HE PREACHED CHRIST

4. THE RESULT OF THE SERMON-MEETING

1. The Holy Ghost fell on them which heard. Acts 10:44
2. Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized. He commanded them to be baptized.

The first Congregation of Christ in Caesarea.

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