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Acts 10, "Cornelius"

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Let's pray: "Father in Heaven, we have come with a hope of experiencing You. We pray as we open Your Word that You would be the One who teaches us. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will speak to our minds, and that He will impress our hearts. And that we will sense You, and that we will be close to You and that You would actually be the One who teaches us the very thoughts that You want us to have. We pray Heavenly Father that You would be so powerful in our midst that our lives would be changed that our hearts will be in tuned with You, and that miracles would take place. We ask and we pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

Sometime time ago I was asked to speak at the camp meeting. It was a camp meeting where I would be the evening speaker for young adults. They never had a young adult program at this particular conference, but they lived in an area where there were hundreds of young adults around but they weren't going to the camp meeting because the adult meeting wasn't really meeting their needs, and the youth – it was too young for them. And so there was quite an army of young adults and really nothing to attract them. And so as an experiment, some parents of the young adults went to the conference and said, "We want to have a special young adult program."

And they took a big risk, and they invited me, and I came happily. On Friday night we had several hundred young adults come out to the meeting. Saturday night there were about three hundred. Sunday there were more, and by that time many of them had given their hearts to Christ again. Many had done that as a child, but walked away and there was a real revival that was breaking out. And I would speak Monday through Friday and then the following weekend.

Well, an old friend of mine came to that camp ground. He was the speaker for the adults. And he came, I believe it was on Monday, and I knew he was coming because I had one of those camp meeting brochures where it tells you who is speaking when, and they had a picture of him there. And I thought, "Well, he is aged, but he is aged well, looks good." I've known him for about 28 years. When I was an undergraduate in college he had come back for some graduate work. And so my wife and I became acquainted with him and his wife, and one of his children at that time. And we had one child at that time.

So I was looking forward to seeing this individual. Overtime, he had developed quite a reputation. He is a good speaker, well thought-out. He is probably a 5th generation Adventist. Known really for emphasizing church standards, behavior, uniquely church stuff, our church stuff; kind of, we are right, they are wrong. And apparently people in camp meetings like to hear that type of stuff and he was brought in. He was very good at it.

It just so happened on that day, I pulled into a parking lot and right next to me he pulled into a parking lot. And so I got out of my car, he got out of his car, and I didn't know if he remembered me at all, so I said, "Hi, I am Jerry Arnold," and he said, "Yes, I know who you are." And we welcomed each other, and I told him that I was doing the meeting for the young adults. And without even inquiring into the family and 'how are you doing' that type of stuff; he simply said this: "Yes, I wish they were coming to hear me!"

You know it was kind of a punch in the gut right here. You know, what kind of a comment is that? “I wish they were coming to hear me!” You see, it was that type of preaching that was causing them to stay away. And yet, “I wish they were coming to hear me!” And what happened in mind is, I notion over time as I contemplated on it, I thought: “You know, that is really religious arrogance.” “I am the only one; my message is the only message, and anybody who doesn’t have my message you know, has a negative opinion of what they are doing and what they are saying.” And that attitude when it comes into religion can become very, very destructive.

That attitude was the attitude of the Jews in the days of Jesus. “Coming to hear me,” was their attitude. “You must come to hear us!” Through nationalism, religious arrogance, the idea of being chosen people and being exclusive, they felt that they were the only show in town, the only show on the planet if you will. And this attitude came into the Christian church. As the church was birth there, the Christian church was birth in Jerusalem; the message primarily went to Jerusalem and the surrounding areas that was all concentrated on the Jews. And today we are going to read a story where God supernaturally will bust through 1800 years of self-pride. It’s an amazing story about Cornelius and about Peter. Many people say that Acts chapter 10 is the story of the conversion of Cornelius. In reality, it’s the story of the conversion of Peter, whom God will use to reach out to the Gentiles.

I’d like for you to turn in your Bibles to Acts chapter 10. Acts chapter 10, the whole chapter is the story. We’ll start by reading the first 8 verses. It’ll get us into the story, and we’ll have some reflection after we get into these 8 verses. Acts 10 verse 1: “There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, Lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.” And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.”

Peter is in Joppa. Well the story begins in Caesarea. Caesarea was a town that was re-built by Herod the Great about 50 years before this story took place. It was the center of Roman administration for the province of Palestine. So it was the headquarters for the army of Rome. It was know as a show-piece of Roman culture. They even had a temple there dedicated to Caesar; that’s how the town got its name; it’s named after the Caesar Augustus, Caesarea! The Jews hated Caesarea and had a name for it; they called it “The Daughter of Edom.” They didn’t like the Edomites. The Edomites were the ones who when the children of Israel came out of Egypt, they came to the borders of the promised land, they said after their 40 years of journeying, they came to the borders of it again and they said to the Edomites: “We’ll stay on the highway, we won’t drink any of your water or take any of your food or anything, and if we do drink some of your water we’ll pay you for it. We just want to pass on the highway on into where we are

going.” And the Edomites wouldn’t let them go. And so the Jews had a bad attitude towards the Edomites. And they called Caesarea “The Daughter of Edom.”

They disliked it so much they said “It’s not even part of Judea.” And they had ways of saying, “Well, that’s them but we are us!” It was there in Caesarea where the Jewish war began in the year 66. There were more Gentiles living there than there were Jews, and there were conflicts. There was a riot that the Jews orchestrated in the year 66 and that is what it started the Jewish-Roman war. At the end of that riot, the Roman soldiers and the Gentiles there will have killed 20 thousand Jews, they die. This is according to Josephus.

Now Cornelius is the man that the story begins with. Cornelius! What do we know about him? Well, we know that he feared God and he helped people. And you know, that’s a pretty good title. That’s a pretty good description. In fact, that’s just about the totality of what the scriptures talk about being good and pure religion. Fear God, give glory to Him, love Him with all your might, heart and soul, and then, love your neighbor as yourself. Those are the two legs that solid religion stands on; service to God, and service to one another. So he knows God and he helps people.

In the story you have a picture of him praying, and God coming to speak to him. And it’s an amazing story when you really get into it and analyze it. This Gentile and we know he is a Gentile ‘cause he is called one later. This non-Jew, this person is going to be used by God to break through 1800 years of prejudice. It’s an incredible scene. We know this: he is a centurion. Centurion was a soldier in the army. He would probably be about the rank of a captain in the army of a sergeant major, depending on who you read. One hundred soldiers would be under this individuals’ control.

All of the centurions mentioned in the Scriptures are given good reports. Jesus went to heal the centurion’s servant, and the centurion said: “No, I have people over me and I answer to people. All You have to do is say it.” And so Jesus said, “I haven’t found a faith like this in all of Israel, and the servant was healed. It was a centurion who at the cross would declare, “Truly, this was the Son of God.” The centurions are good people in the Scriptures and they were good people in the Roman army. In fact, they were chosen for the position because of their character. They were not these “rah, rah” guys who would charge into any battle just to have a fight. They were very thoughtful individuals who took good care of their men. They were loyal, they were brave, and they were very, very wise. And that apparently was how Cornelius was. So we know that about Cornelius.

Let’s continue reading the story. We come to verse 9. It says, “The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.” So the scene changes! We’ve been in Cornelius’ home if you will, we’ve been at Caesarea, and now we swing to Joppa. The men that Cornelius has sent have gone down there. I’ve just remembered that one of the things too that we learned about Cornelius, is he sends men to ask them to come to Peter. This is descriptive of deep character. He is an officer in an occupying army. All he will have to do is order Peter to come, and Peter would have to come. But he doesn’t. He humbles himself, and in that humility, he will learn the ways of the Kingdom

of God. What a powerful lesson for any of us. There is much we can learn from the people of a supposed lesser status than ourselves. And Cornelius will learn that.

Well, we go on here in verse 9, Peter, he is on the housetop, and he is praying, it's the sixth hour, that's noon. "Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance." So you have Peter praying, he is up on the roof. He is praying, it's noon, he is hungry, they are fixing it, and he is thinking about food. And if you've ever been praying while you are hungry, it's hard to get a veggie burger out of your mind. Just keeps creeping in there. And Peter is having that experience. And God puts him in a trance. He has a vision. Here is what happens. In this trance, verse 11, "He saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth."

Now I have no idea what it means when it says, "...heaven opened." I don't know if that means a shaft of light came shining down, clouds parted, I am not sure what it means. I'll let you picture that in your own imagination. But, what is interesting is that heaven opens, and a great sheet, bound at the four corners comes down. So picture a sheet, a large sheet tied at the corners by rope, and then those 4 ropes tied together in the center so that you have some type of apparatus to carry things. And that's what he sees.

"In it..." verse 12, "...were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him..." And in most of your Bibles if you have the red letter addition, you'll note that this is the voice of God, it's red. "Rise Peter, kill and eat!" So Peter in a trance, hungry while he is praying, sees this sheet coming down, and in this sheet are all kind of four-footed animals, wild beasts, creeping things and birds of the air, and God says: "Peter, rise and eat!" But Peter, many times in the Gospel said "No" to the Lord, and he kind of reverts back to it; verse 14, "Not so Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.

Now, there is something we need to talk about. Many times in the scriptures we lose the point because we argue the illustration. And this is an illustration, but usually we argue the illustration. God is making the point. The illustration is dealing with clean and unclean or things that are common. And Christians argue and battle among themselves. Some say, "Well now you can eat anything you want." Another say, "Oh, no you can't," and they get into an argument. And they'll use this story to prove one way or the other. You can't use this story to prove either way. It is not why it's here. It is here because God is using it as an illustration. He is not setting down a new doctrine or establishing nor strengthening an old doctrine. You will see it as the story unfolds before us. So please, don't get in arguments with people over this passage as regards what you can eat or can't eat. It's not what it's for. That is an illustration.

And so, let's read what happens here; verse 15, the voice spoke to him again, the second time: "What God has cleansed you must not call common." So Peter says, "I am not going to eat that stuff, I've never eaten anything common or unclean;" "...what God has cleansed, you must not call common." Well let's just cut through the chase here and go to verse 28. If you go to verse 28, this is Peter later. He is sharing, and re-telling this story to Cornelius and his household. "Then he said to them, 'You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or

unclean.” So that’s kind of the point, and the illustration is common of unclean foods or animals. And so Peter is learning something. But he is going to stay confused for a good part of this story.

Let’s look at verse 16. “This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.” So picture Peter, there he is on the roof top. He is praying, he is hungry, falls into a trance, he sees this thing happen three times. He’s argued with God and God says, “No, what I have declared clean do not call common.” Verse 17: “Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon’s house, and stood before the gate.” Now you have to picture this. Cornelius at Caesarea is praying and God speaks to him with an angel. He sends three men. Now Peter is praying in Joppa, and while he is praying God sends a vision and speaks to him, and the men show up and are knocking at the door. Let me tell you, God is in control of this world brothers and sisters. He is in control, and He is demonstrating here to us in this story that He takes over in this major events that take place.

So Peter is told that they are there, look at verse 18. “And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, ‘Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.’” Now Peter has seen a vision, he’s heard the voice of God, now he hears the Holy Spirit, again the voice of God through the Holy Spirit speaking to him, and the Holy Spirit is saying, “Look! Three men are seeking you. Go down there; go with them doubting nothing, for I have sent them.” God in His great mercy is helping Peter to get from where he is to where he needs to be. And note how that mercy will even be demonstrated further.

Let me ask you a question. Suppose you were a Jewish person back in these days, and your country is occupied by Rome. And there is not a good attitude between the two factions there. You have the Jewish people and the Gentiles. There is a knock at your door and you are being summoned to a Roman soldier’s house. Would you say, “Oh yeah, this is going to be good.” It’s not likely. It’s very likely you would hug your spouse and your children goodbye. There is a chance you’ll never see them again. Well Peter is got to be thinking that. But God in His mercy, through the Spirit says, “Go with them, nothing doubting.” But then, God in His mercy will add to that, look at verse 21. “Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, ‘Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?’”

See Peter is in confusion, he doesn’t know what’s going on. “...they said,” and here is the mercy of God demonstrated. “...Cornelius, the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you.” Do you sense the mercy there? God is saying through these messengers of Cornelius, “Peter it’s okay. Cornelius is safe to be with, it’s all right.” Back that up with the Spirit saying, “Go with these men nothing doubting,” and Peter is going to obey. He does. In verse 23 it says, he invited them in, they lodged there and the next day they went on their way. And Peter took some brethren with him. We’ll find out later in the Book of Acts that he’ll take six individuals. These individuals are Jews who have accepted Christ as

their Savior. So they are Jewish Christians. And Peter takes them along. So they are seven of them who are journeying with these three men.

Verse 24: “And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.” Again, another picture into the heart of this man, Cornelius; God has told him to send for Peter because Peter is going to have a message for him, and Cornelius wants his family and his friends to hear the message from God. So he invites all of them there and they are at the house waiting. This is a tremendous evangelistic demonstration, you know. You invite people to come, to hear the Word of God, and miracles take place. Well here we have this story. Notice how it unfolds. Verse 25, “As Peter was coming in Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up saying, “Stand up; I myself am also a man.””

Peter sees here several lessons. One is the importance of having another human being bow down before you. He just can't stand that. And yet, in his heart, that's how he feels about Gentiles. That they should be bowing down to him. But Peter says, “No, please don't do that. Stand up, I myself also am a man.” In verse 27 it says, “And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together.” Now Peter still doesn't know why he is there. We know because we've read the story, but he is living it in real time, and it's happening to him as it goes on. He doesn't know. He knows he was supposed to go without doubt, follow these men and he has entered into the strange territory. He is going into the house of “one of them.” And it's not just that guy there, but his whole family and friends are there. There is a whole “bunch of them” and they are there. And there he is, and he is nerved up, and you know, he is concerned about it because he is breaking Jewish law and custom. But he has to because God said to. But he still doesn't know why he is there.

Verse 28: “Then he said to them, ‘You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.’” All right, he is getting a lesson here. He is coming along, but he is not where God wants him to be yet. In verse 28 he says, “Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?” “Why am I here, why am I here?” I don't know if you've ever ask that question? I don't know if you've ever followed God some place and you've felt very confident God was leading you. And when you get there, you look around and say, “all right, why am I here, why am I here?” Well, Peter says that, and he is going to get an answer. Cornelius will help him. Verse 30: “Cornelius said, ‘Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing.’” He calls him a man because Cornelius doesn't know what an angel is. Luke called him an angel before when Luke told the story because Luke knew it was an angel.

Cornelius is saying, “... a man in bright clothing and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.’” Ah, okay, so Peter now knows he is supposed to go there and he is supposed to speak to them. Cornelius says, “So I sent to you immediately, and

you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.”

Brothers and sisters do you see, this is church. This is what church is about. Somebody convicted by God that a message from God is going to be preached, and they invited family and friends to church and they are all sitting there waiting to hear what God has to say. I hope that’s why you came today? I hope you came to hear from God today. God wants to speak to us. And He is going to speak to this group. So Peter says, “Okay, now I get the picture.” Verse 34: “Then Peter opened his mouth...” he is ready to go. “I am here to speak, I am going to speak.” “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.” What a profound truth. And it is true. What ever a person’s social class, education, appearance, race, whatever! God loves them.

Verse 36: “The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ...” And here, if you want to know what the point of the story is, it is this: He is Lord of all! Jesus is Lord of all! That simple phrase, “He is Lord of all” had the Christians in this country 200 years ago, had they believed that, it could have saved us a horrible war. He is Lord of all! I don’t know if in your heart you struggle with thinking you are better than other peoples because they are different than you are, but note this. The Bible says, “Jesus is Lord of all, all!”

“That word you know,” and he starts a sermon, “That word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee at the baptism of John.” So he starts to tell a story. Now picture this: Peter is commissioned by God Himself. Peter, the apostle has six other Jews with him who believe in Christ, they are in the home of a gentile officer in the Roman army, with all of his family and all of his friends; the gospel is being punched through to the other side. What is he going to say? What is he going to preach? What is he going to talk about? What are the imperatives? He says, “Well, you know John the Baptist came preaching.” Verse 38, “And you know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”

So Peter says, “Back in the days of John the Baptist, Jesus came along. And Jesus was filled with the Spirit of God, and Jesus healed people. And Jesus cast out demons for people, and Jesus went about doing good.” Verse 39: “And we are witnesses of all these things which He did.” Peter is saying, “I was there, I saw it. We saw what He did, both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.” So Jesus went about doing good for people, then He was killed on Calvary. Verse 40: “Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly.” Jesus went about doing good; Jesus was killed on Calvary, but the third day He rose from the dead. “...not to all the people,” verse 41, “...but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to those who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.” “Even to us,” Peter is saying, “I got to see Him. I ate and drank with Jesus when He rose from the dead.”

“This Jesus from the days of John the Baptist went about doing good, helping people, healing people, casting out demons. He died at Calvary. He was raised from the dead the third day and I saw Him along with others. And He,” verse 42, “...commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.” Now brothers and sisters note, note what Peter says in this powerful sermon, verse 43. “To Him all

the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.” That means forgiveness of sins.

Peter - preaching to the Gentiles what are they supposed to know to have eternal life? What are they supposed to know to become the part of the fellowship of the church? Peter says, “In the days of John the Baptist Jesus came along, filled with the Spirit, He did good for people, He died on Calvary, rose the third day, and anyone who calls on His name will have forgiveness for their sins. Anyone who believes in Him, anyone because He is Lord of all! Believe on His name and you will have forgiveness of your sins.

Now it’s interesting. Peter doesn’t even come to his appeal, verse 44. It says, “While he was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.” Now brothers and sisters that is such a powerful, powerful passage; all of us here want the Holy Spirit to fall upon us. You will have the Holy Spirit fall upon you and I will have the Holy Spirit fall upon me when we hear the Word of God. We’ve got to take time in the Word of God, that’s how it works. The Holy Spirit comes to us from the study and the listening of the Word of God. And Peter is preaching the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit is poured out upon them, and he’s still, he doesn’t even realize what’s happened in a way. In verse 45 it says, “And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.”

How do you argue against that? God said to go, God said to preach, and now it’s bearing fruit right in the home of Gentiles. The Holy Spirit is being poured out; they receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Verse 46, “And they begin to speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter said, ‘Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’” Now note, they are filled with the Holy Spirit and they are baptized. “He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.” So Peter baptized them and they said, “Hey, can you hang out with us a while, we’ve got more questions?” This is the Word of God going to the Gentiles. Later when we get to chapter 15, we’ll discover what they were told that they are supposed to teach them in order for them to be part of the fellowship.

I’ll tell you brothers and sisters, when somebody believes in salvation through Christ, and they have forgiveness of their sins, and they are filled with the Holy Spirit, it’s time to baptize them. It fascinates me that in this story there is no reference to them having to be circumcised or keep the Law of Moses, or do any of that other stuff. It’s not there! And one of the points that I see in this story is Peter, when he says that “He is Lord of all,” and that there is no partiality, and the Holy Spirit can be poured out upon anybody who believes in Christ, I think of our own situation. Not our particular church, but our denomination, and some attitudes that run through it.

There was a picture in Saturday Evening Post of a little cartoon. It shows a man pointing to his cat and next to them is a litter box. And the man is saying, “Never, never think outside of the box.” And I think somehow that comes to some people as divine counsel and we build a box around our concept and our flavors, and it’s not just a box. It’s probably a walled city. And anybody who’s out there is ‘them.’ And then unfortunately that mind set gets you started, you will note that within the city there are ‘lots of them’ too. Because they don’t see it the way we

see it, and eventually, if you run this through its logical conclusion, and you end up by yourself because if you do find somebody who thinks just like you, you are not going to like them. And we end up in this constant going backwards, and we end up with the same problems of 1800 years of thinking, 'we are the special ones and everybody else must come to us.'

I am telling you today, Jesus is Lord of all. And His Spirit is being poured out on many different peoples. People we don't know, and some beliefs we don't agree with. But when you accept Jesus as your Savior, you have the ticket for eternal life. Well, what does this story have to do with us? Well on the practical level, the story of Peter and the story of Cornelius, and them praying and God coming and interacting during prayer, God is watching over you. God cares about you. He wants to work in your life the same way He worked in these men's life. He wants to take you where you are and place you where He wants you to be. And He will send messengers to do it if you will open your heart to Him. God is watching over you.

To me, I think one of the most helpful things about this message is that God is Lord of all. And think about this. If you are hurting today, He is Lord of all, and He will help you. If you are haughty today, He is Lord of all, and He will humble you. If you are harried today, He is Lord of all and He will calm your spirit. If you are hopeless today, He is Lord of all, and He will grant you peace and strength. If you feel hated today, He is Lord of all, and He will love you. And if you have a health problem today, He is Lord of all, and He will heal you. You see, whoever believes in Him will receive forgiveness, comfort, mercy, direction in their life and hope. And we will have the ability to get from where we are, to where He wants us to be, not only in this life, but for eternity.

So today, I ask you, would you like to call upon the name of Jesus and be forgiven for your sins? And would you like to be filled with the Holy Spirit of God? If you would like that, I am going to ask you to stand right where you are at.

"Father in Heaven, You are merciful and we praise You for that. We are standing today because we believe in Jesus and in His name we call upon You and ask for the forgiveness of our sins. We thank you that Jesus comes into our heart, and Lord we are praying that You will fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Baptize us with Your Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen."