

Acts 10:24-48
Why Am I Here?

1. Why Have You Sent for Me? 24-33

A. The question v. 29

Acts 10:24 and following

Acts 10:26

B. Cornelius' Answer 30-33

"But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." -Romans 10:8-10 ESV

2. Baptism is about the Gospel 34-43

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B. Jesus Is Central 36-43

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A. The Work of the Holy Spirit 44-46

B. Why Are You Here?

"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." -Acts 2:37-38 ESV

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly

be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." -Romans 6:3-11 ESV

Reflection: Have you been baptized? What does God show you in seeing others being baptized? If you have not been baptized and know Jesus Christ as your Savior, is the Lord leading you to be baptized?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Luke 3:1-22. Who are the people that John talks with in this passage? What kind of answers does John give to "prepare the way" for Jesus?

Tuesday: John 1:19-34. What is John's response to seeing Jesus coming? What does he specifically say about Jesus as to who Jesus is?

Wednesday: Acts 2:37-41. What has caused the crowd to be so desperate in their response to Peter? What does Peter tell them they should do?

Thursday: Romans 6:1-11. What does Paul say about our baptism? How does this help you to explain baptism to someone else?

Friday: Colossians 2:8-15. What does Paul address in this passage? How does baptism figure into his encouragement to them?

Saturday: 1 Peter 3:18-22. What does Peter say about the function of baptism in a believer's life? What does he say in verse 18 about what Christ has already accomplished?