

## **Conquering Legalism & Prejudice, Pt 1**

Acts 10:1-23a

### **Confessions**

Something is missing

The legalist in all of us

### **Rules and Legalism**

Sinful legalism = creating standards of right or spirituality that go beyond **Scripture**

### **Clarification**

Forsaking legalism does not mean we forsake all **rules**.

### **Setting the stage**

Time

Places

Joppa

Caesarea

Process

Peter faces 2 issues: **legalism** and **prejudice**

Response (14)

### **A Gentile sent seeking** (10:1-8)

Cornelius described (1-2)

Repetition (15-16)

Vision (3-6)

Truth applied (18-23)

Response (7-8)

God makes Himself known to those who seek Him!

God is working to bring people to Himself! He still is.

Are we as ready to follow His revealed will in similar fashion?

### **Legalism has several problems**

1. Seduces us to substitute man's ideas for God's **revelation**
2. Creates morality from the outside rather than the **inside**.
3. Promotes **cultural** conformity over biblical spirituality.

### **A Jew set straight** (10:9-23)

Theology adjusted (9-17)

We must resist the simple assumption this is someone else's issue.

**Cure for legalism = grace**

Vision (10-13)

**Take it Home**