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**Unit I: Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors**

**Subject: Putting an End to Prejudice and Discrimination**

**Printed Text: Acts 10: 9-15, 30-35; Galatians 3: 28-29**

**Key verse: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3: 28, KJV).**

**Lesson Pointers:**

- 1) **GOD’S Revelation Can Be Sudden (Acts 10: 9-15)**
- 2) **GOD’S Revelation Can Be Startling (Acts 10: 30-35)**
- 3) **We Are One (Galatians 3: 28-29)**

**Introduction:**

Now, when many people think of “Church,” they picture only their own local congregation; they do not see the bigger picture. You see the Church is much larger than their local congregation. You are the Church; Jesus Christ said, upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of all races, nationalities, for there is neither Jew nor neither Greek, nor neither Gentiles, there is no different, they are all the same in Jesus Christ’s eyes; why, because Jesus Christ shed HIS blood to save all, black, white, red, or yellow, it is the same blood that saved us all. So, let us stop looking at the small picture, and let us allow Jesus Christ to reveal the bigger picture unto us; so, that our mindset shifts unto HIM, and that our understanding becomes clearer, knowing that there is only one body but many members of the body, and that the body is Jesus Christ, and HE is the head of the body. When we believers understand this we can put an End to Prejudice and Discrimination. This Can only be done when we surrender completely to the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Lesson Pointer # 1**

- **GOD’S Revelation can Be Sudden (Acts 10: 9-15)**

**GOD’S revelation can Be Sudden, Peter was not expecting to have a vision on the rooftop as he went to pray. On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour (Acts 10: 9): And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance. GOD broke into that ordinary moment with an extraordinary revelation (Acts 10: 10), And Peter saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth (Acts 10: 11): Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air (Acts 10: 12). Now this shattered Peter’s assumptions about purity. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat (Acts 10: 13). But Peter protested immediately, saying, not so, LORD; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean (Acts 10: 14). But GOD’S response or command was clear: Do not call anything impure that GOD has made clean (Acts 10: 15). So, what GOD has cleansed call it not common or unclean; GOD’S Revelation can be Sudden, one may not be expecting such an encounter with GOD in their life.**

## Pointer # 2

- **GOD'S Revelation Can Be Startling (Acts 10: 30-35)**

**GOD'S Revelation Can Be Startling** at times, causing us to be in awe, when our obedience is tested. Peter when he stepped into Cornelius's home he was tested for his obedience, to see if Peter would harken unto the word of GOD that was sent to him by a servant. And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my home, and, behold a man stood before me in bright clothing, And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of GOD. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent to thee (Test of Cornelius obedience); and thou hast well done that thou art come (Peter's Obedience Tested). Now therefore are we all here present before GOD, to hear all things that are commanded thee of GOD (Acts 10: 30-33). Peter upon hearing this saw that GOD'S kingdom would not be confined by old boundaries, and this was startling to him because it overturned deep seated habits of separation. Peter now realized that GOD was not simply setting aside traditions but is fulfilling them in Christ Jesus. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that GOD is no respecter of persons (Acts 10: 34): Peter understood that purity was no longer about diet or distance but about the transforming of the heart by the Holy Spirit. Peter said, But in every nation he that feareth him (GOD), and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him (GOD) (Acts 10: 35). Now, such moments like this remain unsettling; for GOD confronts our traditions (our way of thinking), GOD challenges our assumptions (our way or the high way), and GOD calls us to go beyond our comfort zones. Yet, GOD still open the door to grace. Peter was in the presence of the Holy Spirit in Cornelius's household which proved GOD'S inclusive vision. Now the Church (people) of today, is a reminder that GOD'S kingdom still reaches further than our categories. Peter saw and understood the bigger picture of GOD'S revelation.

## Lesson Pointer # 3

- **We Are One (Galatians 3: 28-29)**

Paul's encounter with Jesus Christ brought both worlds together; Paul with a Jewish mother knew the LAW, and as the child of a Roman father, he also understood the wider Greco-Roman world. Paul's unity was one that was lived through, reality and not an abstract theology; Paul spoke of the categories that divides, ethnicity, gender, social status, and said that these no longer defined worth, but Jesus Christ had created one new family of faith. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3: 28-29).

## Putting an End to Prejudice and Discrimination!

### Nuggets of the Lesson:

- 1) Jesus Christ is GOD'S revelation that reveals the common bond that unites all people.
- 2) Through Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, ascension, and Jesus Christ's coming back again; He (Jesus Christ) broke down barriers that had us bound.
- 3) In Jesus Christ there is no Jew or Gentile, no slave or free, no male or female.
- 4) All who belong to Jesus Christ are truly one family.
- 5) There is one body but many members, and all members have not the same office: So, we, being many, are one body in Christ Jesus, and every one members one of another.
- 6) There are times when our Obedience to GOD'S Word will be tested.