The First Gospel Sermon to The Gentiles  
Acts 10:34-43

Introduction:
A. Peter was given the "keys of the kingdom of heaven". (Mt. 16:19).
   1. Opened kingdom up to the Jews on the day of Pentecost.
   2. Opened kingdom up to the Gentiles 5 - 10 years later.
B. Peter's Pentecost sermon well-know, not as much said of Caesarean Sermon.
C. Peter's Caesarean sermon touches on five great subjects about God.

Discussion:
I. The Impartiality of God. (verses 34,35).
   A. Vs. 34 shows how slowly we perceive truth - Peter just now perceives.
      1. Had heard words of Jesus. (Mt. 28:18; Mk. 16:16; Lk. 24:47; Acts 1:8).
      2. Had preached gospel for over 5 years, maybe as much at 10.
   B. Vs. 35 show how broad and how narrow the gospel is.
      1. It is broad enough for all nations.
         a. It is also broad enough for both sexes. (Gal. 3:28) - differing roles yet equal blessings.
         b. It is also broad enough for weak and strong in the faith. (Rom. 14:1; 15:1)
         c. It is also broad enough for all levels of ability. (Matt. 25:15; 1 Cor. 12:16).
      2. It is only broad enough to include those who work righteousness.
         a. Too narrow for all moral codes. (1 Cor. 5:9-13; 6:9-10; 1 Pet. 4:1-4).
         b. Too narrow for all religious systems. (Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Tim. 1:3)
            (1) Only doctrine of Christ. (2 John 9-11; Rom. 16:17-18).
            (2) Only gospel of Christ. (Gal. 1:8,9; 2:4,5).
   II. The Peace of God. (verse 36)
      A. Peace through Christ is not peace like world gives. (John 14:17).
         1. Not imposed by physical force
         2. Not by appeasement, negotiation and compromise
      B. Peace through Christ is peace through divine reconciliation. (Eph. 2:14-18).
         1. Both separated from God by sin - Christ removes that.
         2. Each was separated from other by the law - Christ removed that.
   III. The Word of God. (verses 36-41).
      A. The word first preached by witnesses. (vs. 39-41)
      B. The word removes necessity of our being witnesses. (Rom. 10:6-8,17).
         1. We do not have see or feel the Lord to believe.
         2. We feel and see Lord only through eye of faith. (cf. 1 John 1:1-4).
   IV. The Judgement of God. (verse 42).
      A. The judgement is as impartial as gospel.
         1. All nations judged impartially (Matt. 25:31-46).
         2. All men everywhere must repent because of judgment. (Acts 17:30,31).
      B. The judgement demands that we please the Lord. (2 Cor. 9,10).
   V. The Forgiveness of God. (verse 43).
      A. The remission of sins is impartial - "whoever".
      B. The remission of sins is tied to faith in Him.

Conclusion:
A. When Peter opened doors to Jews, they were baptized in name of Jesus. (Acts 2:38,41).
B. When Peter opened doors to Gentiles, they were baptized in name of Jesus. (v. 48).