

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:1-6, 9-16

At Cæsarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."



About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

Sermon Resources

"Jesus was perfectly conscious that he came to men with new ideas and with a new conception of the truth, and he was well aware how difficult it is to get a new idea into men's minds...."

The Jews were passionately attached to things as they were. The Law was to them God's last and final word; to add one word to it, or to subtract one word from it, was a deadly sin. It was the avowed object of the Scribes and Pharisees 'to build a fence around the Law.' To them a new idea was not so much a mistake as a sin.

That spirit is by no means dead. Very often in a church, if a new idea or a new method or any change is suggested, the objection is promptly raised, 'We never did that before...'

To put this into contemporary terms: our minds must be elastic enough to receive and to contain new ideas. The history of progress is the history of the overcoming of the prejudices of the shut mind. Every new idea has had to battle for its existence against the instinctive opposition of the human mind. The motorcar, the railway train, the airplane were in the beginning regarded with suspicion. Simpson had to fight to introduce chloroform, and Lister had to struggle to introduce antiseptics. Copernicus was compelled to retract his statement that the Earth went round the Sun, and not the Sun round the Earth. Even Jonas Hanway, who brought the umbrella to this country, had to suffer a barrage of missiles and insults when he first walked down the street with it....

It may be that we would do well to remember that when any living thing stops growing, it starts dying. It may be that we need to pray that God would deliver us from the shut mind.

We are living in a changing and an expanding world. It is Jesus' warning that the Church dare not be the only institution which lives in the past."

—William Barclay, Scottish theologian and Bible commentator, describing "The Problem of the New Idea" (Matthew 9:16, 17) in *The Daily Study Bible* (1956), Vol. 1, pp. 337-339.



"There is no excuse for anyone in taking the position that there is no more truth to be revealed, and that all our expositions of Scripture are without an error. The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth, and truth can afford to be fair. No true doctrine will lose anything by close investigation."

—E. G. White (1892), *Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 35.

City Church Announcements

Listening Committee Meets with Families. Today the Listening Committee meets with Families with young children through High School ages following the 11 o'clock service. There will be lunch served for all; in addition, activities for the children will be provided. Please RSVP so we can estimate food and craft materials. All are welcome.

Godly Play. Class for children ages 8-12 meets today.

Summer Family Nights. Sunday, June 24 through Thursday, June 28, 6–8:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Followers of Jesus." Registration forms are in the Narthex.

Graduations. If you know of anyone from our church family who is graduating (at any level) this year please let us know. Write the name and graduation details on one of the information cards located on the backs of the pews, and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

Jaime Jorge, a world class violinist, will be performing a concert during the Women's Emphasis Sabbath at Glendale Filipino Church on June 2, 2007. Jaime has a passion for proclaiming the gospel through his music. Please do not miss this rare opportunity as you will be inspired by his music and be blessed as he shares his testimony.

Offertory Anthem

Pie Jesu, Domine
Dona eis requiem
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi
Dona eis requiem

(Merciful Jesus, Lord,
Grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant them rest everlasting.)

Upcoming Sermons

May 26	"Who Is Your Messiah?"	Mitchell Henson
June 2	"Double Duty"	Cherise Gardner
June 9		Mike Quishenberry

Sunset tonight – 7:48 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:53 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	“The Lord’s My Shepherd”	Bock
Morning Hymn	“The Spirit of the Lord Revealed” No. 261, to the hymn tune <i>Varina</i>	
Entering of the Light		
Call to Worship		Leif Lind
By the Word of the Lord were the Heavens made The starry hosts were formed by his mouth Continue your creation in us today, Oh God, as we worship.		
Baptism		Mitchell Henson
Anthems	“Amigos de Cristo” “Clap Your Hands” <i>Sunshine Singers</i>	John Ylvisaker Gary Johnson
Worship in Giving		Mitchell Henson
Morning Offering		
Offertory	“Pie Jesu” <i>Jubilate Singers</i>	Mary L. Lightfoot
Children’s Sermon		Denise Kasischke
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation		Leif Lind
Prayer Response		
<i>Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord unto me!</i>		
Anthem	“It Is Well with My Soul” Dave Ferguson, <i>solo</i>	<i>Traditional</i>
Scripture	Acts 10:1-6, 9-16	Colleen Ford
Hymn of Meditation	“Jesus Calls Us”	No. 285
Sermon	“Religious Taxidermy”	Leif Lind
Closing Hymn	“Is This a Day of New Beginnings?”	No. 342
Blessing & Sending		Leif Lind
I pray that the Lord will bless and protect you, and that he will show you mercy and kindness, May the LORD be good to you and give you peace.—C.E.V.		
Postlude	“Grand Chœur”	Dubois

Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Prassó	General	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

Worship Options

<u>Option</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine/Jubilate Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Marathon Clinic	Verdugo Park	Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Constantin Balan, Romanian Senior Pastor

Officers

Head Elder	Douglas Schultz
Head Deacon	—
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Terry Bork
A+ School Board Chair	Colette Witt
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children’s Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Principal	Jeanie Drake
Pathfinder Leader	Warren Dale

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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