

# **Journey of Cornelius**

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I. Introduction.

- A. Cornelius was important because he was the first Gentile convert to Christianity.
- B. His steps are similar to those who come to a living relationship with Jesus.

II. Cornelius's big step was rejecting paganism and embracing monotheism.

- A. Paganism rules out the concept of one God.
- B. Anybody who pays lip service only to the one true God is a functional pagan.
- C. We worship objects by placing things before God today.
- D. Moral bankruptcy has infested our society because we are basically pagan in thinking, which denies moral absolutes.

III. Cornelius saw that the Jews embraced certainty because they believed there was one God.

- A. There is one God through whom we came, we exist and we are answerable.
- B. It is a big step when people say in our society that there is one God.
- C. There is one God that is the source of all morality to whom we are answerable.

IV. Cornelius became earnest, reverent, a generous giver and a praying man. God is moving on behalf of those who earnestly seek him.

**Application questions:**

1. Why was paganism so important to overcome in order to embrace Christianity? Explain.

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2. How does our own culture reflect paganism?

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3. How does Cornelius's response inform our own understanding of what true conversion looks like? Explain.

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