***JON’S SERMON OUTLINE….***

FROM SINCERITY TO SURETY

*There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, Lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.”* Acts 10:1-6

Introduction: Sincerity is a wonderful quality admired in the lives of people. By itself, however, it does not make something true. If you were ever going to move beyond sincerity to a surety, it would be especially important with regard to your eternal salvation. Cornelius serves as a good example. All his efforts toward pleasing God were impressive, but through him, we learn 3 things we need to be sure of:

1. BE SURE OF GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 10:1-23):

a. Lessons From A Religious Sinner (10:1-8):

1) It’s beneficial to be seeking God (1-4).

2) It’s better to know what God wants (5-8).

b. Lessons From A Reluctant Soul-Winner (10:9-23):

1) Don’t question God’s cleansing (9-16).

2) Don’t question God’s calling (17-23).

2. BE SURE OF GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 10:24-43):

a. Get ready to hear something great (24-33).

b. Get rid of preconceived ideas (34-35).

c. Get real about belief in Jesus (36-43).

3. BE SURE OF GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 10:44-48):

a. God’s concern is not about your religious background (44-46a).

b. God’s command is that you come to Jesus (46b-48).

CONCLUSION: Are you sure of your salvation?

Answers: 1. Reach 2. Redemption 3. Requirement