

ONE GOSPEL FOR ALL PEOPLE

ACTS 11:1-18

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Acts 11:1-18 New International Version (NIV)

Peter Explains His Actions

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. **2** So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him **3** and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." **4** Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: **5** "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. **6** I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. **7** Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' **8** "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' **9** "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' **10** This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again. **11** "Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. **12** The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. **13** He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. **14** He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.' **15** "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with[a] water, but you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit.' **17** So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" **18** When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."