

THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 11:1-18 | LESSON SUMMARY

Accusations

ACTS 11:3, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." (ESV)

- The issue is one of fellowship
 - "With them"
 - We are never told that Peter violated the Mosaic Law
- Peter explains "in order"
 - Sequence is important
 - Peter didn't rush to conclusions about the vision
 - He is able to graciously explain his revelation to his Jewish brothers and sisters

In Threes

ACTS 11:10-11, "This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea." (ESV)

- Three is an important number in Scripture
 - Represents wholeness & completion



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- **DENIAL:** "And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. (Matthew 26:75, NKJV)
- **DEVOTION:** "He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." (John 21:17, NKJV)
- **DELIVERANCE:** "This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven." (Acts 10:16, ESV)
 - Deliverance for all: responsibility on the chosen
 - They had Jesus' words when he quoted John the Baptist (Peter quotes them both in 11:16): "I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8, ESV)
 - But they also had the Old Testament prophet Isaiah confirming Peter's understanding: "I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6, ESV)



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ACTS 11:18, "When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life." (ESV)

- The church is growing
 - Not just in numbers, but understanding also

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: John R.L. Moxon, Peter's Halakhic Nightmare, John B. Miller, Convinced That God Had Called Us, C. Hemer, The Book of Acts in the Setting of Hellenistic History

