



# THE CHURCH CHALLENGES PETER

## ACTS 11:1-18

1. Who was “the wrong crowd” to hang out with when you were in school? Did you anyway? Why?

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2. Do you change your mind very easily? Explain.

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3. Read Acts 11. What criticism was raised against Peter? Why?

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4. Why did Luke take the time and space to record the events of 10:9-46 all over again?

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5. What did Peter’s answer teach those who disagreed with him?

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6. Of what importance is the gift of the Holy Spirit in Peter’s argument? Why would this have such a strong effect on the Jerusalem believers? Why is it misunderstood (see 1:6)?

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7. Why do you think God chose Peter to be the first to go to the Gentiles? Would any other disciple have been as successful in both Caesarea and Jerusalem? Why or why not?

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### Across

- 3 Simon's \_\_\_\_\_ was Peter. (Acts 1:13)
- 8 The Holy Spirit is described in verse 17 as being this kind of received item.
- 10 The object that had descended from heaven was "like a great \_\_\_\_\_" (Acts 11:5)
- 12 What title does Peter use in addressing the "voice"? (Acts 1:8)
- 15 Those who opposed Peter were those of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16 The complaint of these Jews against Peter was: “You went in to uncircumcised men and \_\_\_\_\_ with them!” (Acts 11:3)
- 17 Peter remembers Jesus comparing the baptism of this man with the newer baptism of the Spirit. (Acts 1:16)

### Down

- 1 In what city did Peter have his vision?
- 2 How many men came to Peter from Cornelius in Caesarea?
- 4 What do the Jews in verse 18 understand as being the forerunner/precursor to life?
- 5 What adjective is used to describe the beasts seen in Peter's vision? (Acts 1:6)
- 6 This disciple was already in Caesarea before Peter came to Cornelius' household.
- 7 What was Peter commanded to do before eating the animals? (Acts 1:7)
- 9 Peter had a vision after falling into a \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 11:5)
- 11 How many feet did the animals of the earth in Peter's vision have? (Acts 1:6)
- 13 Peter refused to eat the food presented to him because he saw it as \_\_\_\_\_ & unclean.
- 14 God the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded Peter to go with the men sent from Cornelius. (Acts 1:12)

8. How do you explain the change in attitudes from verse 2 to verse 18?  
How does this story relate to 1:8?

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9. How can this principle affect the way you treat “un-acceptable” people you meet?

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10. How have you been criticized for breaking the religious traditions you grew up with? Why did you do so? What did you feel was at stake?

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11. The lesson of 10:34-35 and 11:18 was not easily learned, even by Peter (see Gal 2:11-14). What might have happened if the early Church denied the new principle (10:15, 28 and 11:9) which God taught Peter?

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Baptism	Peter	Voice	Remembered
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Greek	Uncircumcised	Lord	Withstand
Slave	City	Unclean	God
Free	Vision	Mouth	Silent
Male	Object	Heaven	Glorify
Female	Corners	Cleansed	Life
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Apostles	Beasts	Caesarea	
Brethren	Creeping	Doubting	