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The account of the growth of the Church

ACTS 10-11:18

1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. **2** He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. **3** One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”

4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. **5** Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. **6** He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

Acts 10:1-6



9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.

10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. **13** Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

14 “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

15 The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

Acts 10:9-15



27 Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. **28** He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. **29** So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

Acts 10:27-29



34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism **35** but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. **36** You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:34–43



1 The apostles and the brothers 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** Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened:

Acts 11:1-4



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 water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ **17** So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?”

18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”

Acts 11:15-18



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Acts 10:43



“It means that there are no ethnic, geographical, cultural or moral barriers any longer in the way of anyone and everyone being offered forgiveness and new life. That is a message far more powerful than the easy-going laissez-faire tolerance which contemporary Western society so easily embraces.

Cornelius didn't want God (or Peter) to tolerate him. He wanted to be welcomed, forgiven, healed, transformed. And he was."

A black and white portrait of N.T. Wright, a man with a beard and glasses, looking directly at the camera.

N.T. Wright

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14 He (Peter) will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.

Acts 11:14



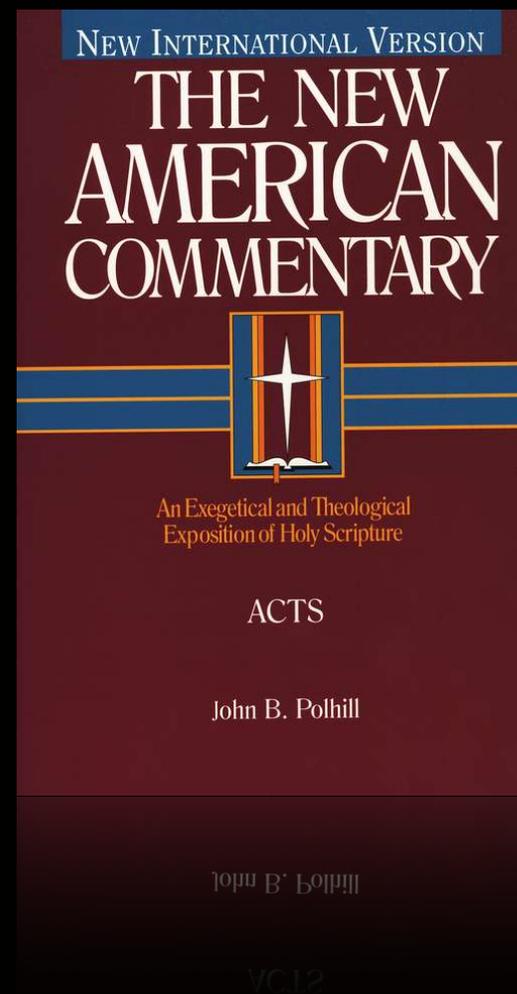
**There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither
slave nor free, nor is there male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:28

“It is simply not possible to fully accept someone with whom you are unwilling to share in the intimacy of table fellowship. The early church had to solve the problem of kosher food laws in order to launch a mission to the Gentiles.

Purity distinctions and human discrimination
are of a single piece.”

John Polhill





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Acts 10:4



Us -

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**Our faithfulness to share Jesus
(in word and deed) in the uncomfortable
places God wants to send us may be the
answer to someone else's prayer.**



Christ -

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In Christ, there are no ethnic, geographical, cultural or moral barriers in the way of anyone being offered forgiveness and new life in Him.







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11 Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” **12** For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, **13** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:11-13