

## Change and Hope

Acts 11:1-18

I can change!

- Peter
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Jewish Christians  
"God has granted to the Gentile also the repentance that leads to life."  
(v.18)  
*meta noia* – "to change one's mind"  
Mark 1:12 – Repent and believe.  
Acts 3:19 – Repent and be baptized.  
Job 42: 6 – I repent in dust and ashes.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Cornelius  
"Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God."  
(Acts 10:4)

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Isaiah 30:15  
"In repentance and rest you shall be saved."

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<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me, <sup>6</sup>and when I had fixed my gaze on it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a voice from heaven answered a second time, 'What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into the sky. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that moment three men appeared at the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; <sup>14</sup>and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads to life.*"