

— ACTS 11

The Holy Spirit Is Doing Something New



A NEW THING IN HIS KINGDOM

— | Reflection

**“Am I being asked to
break LAW, or to let go of
my tradition/prejudice?”**

The Holy Spirit Does a New Thing by...

Preparing You



Preceding You



Pouring as evidence



— The ISSUE | ACTS 11:1-4

11 Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,

³ “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order:

ISSUE The Conflict in Jerusalem

Unprecedented News
Gentiles becoming Christians

The Accusation
"You entered uncircumcised homes and ate with them."

Peter's Defense
Holy Spirit was at work.



— Holy Spirit Prepares You | ACTS 11:5-6

⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa **praying**, and in a trance I saw a **vision**, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed **animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air.**

— Holy Spirit Prepares You | ACTS 11:7-10

⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.

POINT I —

The Holy Spirit Prepares You



The Setting

Peter was praying.
Peter was hungry

The Shock

Peter was asked to forgo the Old Testament law

The Statement

three times: "What God has made clean, do not call common."

— **The Holy Spirit Precedes You | ACTS 11:11-14**

¹¹ And behold, **at that very** moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me **from Caesarea**. ¹² And the **Spirit told me** to go with them, making no distinction. These **six brothers also accompanied** me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen **the angel** stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will **declare to you a message by which you will be saved**, you and all your household.'

POINT II — ACTS 11:11-14; also 10:17–23

The Holy Spirit Precedes You

Before you are even aware
God was already working in
Cornelius

Another witness
The Jewish nation spoke well of
Cornelius

In the timing
Messengers arrived exactly as
Peter pondered the vision.



— The Holy Spirit Pours | ACTS 11:15-17

¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

POINT III — ACTS 11:15-17; also 10:34–48

The Holy Spirit Pours



**A message you didn't
invent**

Peter Preaches Christ

Not on your time

WHILE Peter spoke, Holy
Spirit was poured

Unarguable Evidence

Gentiles receive the Holy
Spirit

— The Response | ACTS 11:18

¹⁸ When they heard this they became **silent**. And they **glorified God**, saying, “So then, **God has given repentance** resulting in life **even** to the Gentiles.”

— | Reflection

**You are to OBEY
God's Word,
because Jesus set
a new Tradition!**

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Attuning to the Holy Spirit

**Where is He
preparing
you?**

God uses you
in the ordinary.
Who do you
deem unclean?

**Where is He
preceding
you?**

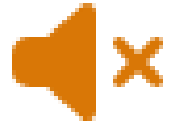
Can you trust the
Holy Spirit's work
with each step
you take?

**How will you
obey?**

Silence the
noise of
distractions to
hear and obey
His promptings.

PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL POSTURE

Hearing the Spirit's Voice



**1. Recognize
the voice**



**2. Rearrange your
posture**

KINGDOM CALLING

**Join in with the Holy Spirit in
this
NEW THING**

Far greater than wealth, status, or earthly titles — step into co-heirship with Christ and partner with what the Spirit is doing!