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The previous chapter ended saying: And after the apostles were beaten, they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the temple, and from house to house, they did not stop teaching and preaching Jesus Christ.

Peter pleads with the traditionalists of Jerusalem, regarding the Gentile believers coming to Jesus,

¹ Now the apostles and brothers that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

² And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him,

³ saying, You went to uncircumcised men, and ate with them / the Jewish Christians were not pleased that the Gentiles were being saved without ritual instruction leading to their traditional Judaism.

⁴ But Peter reviewed the matter from the beginning, and explained to them in orderly sequence to them, saying,

⁵ I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain object descended, like a great sheet, let down from heaven by its four corners; and it came to me:

⁶ and when I fixed my eyes on it, I considered, and saw four-footed animals of the earth, and wild beasts, and crawling creatures, and birds of the air.

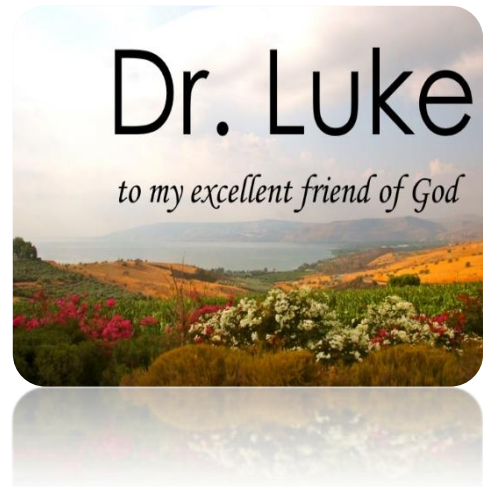
⁷ And I also heard a voice saying to me, Arise, Peter; kill and eat.

⁸ But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing unholy or unclean has ever entered to my mouth.

⁹ But the voice from heaven answered me again, What God has cleansed, no longer call it unholy.

¹⁰ And this happened three times: and everything was drawn up again into heaven.

¹¹ And behold, at that moment three men were already at the house where I was staying, having been sent to me from Caesarea.



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12 And the Spirit told me go with them, doubting nothing. And these six brothers went with me, and we entered the man's house:

13 And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, Send men to Joppa, and have Simon, whose is also called Peter, brought here;

14 and he will speak words, by which you and all your household will be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as on us at the beginning.

16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

17 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?

18 When they heard these things, they calmed down, and glorified God, saying, Well then has God has granted also to the Gentiles the **changed mind that leads to life.**

The church in Antioch,

19 So those who were scattered due to the persecution that arose with Stephen made their way as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but Jews only.

20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch, speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a large number believed, and turned to the Lord.

22 Then news of these things reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem: and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.

23 Then when he came, and witnessed the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all, that with resolute heart, that they remain true to the Lord:

24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and many people came to the Lord.

25 Then he left for Tarsus, to seek out Saul:



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²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened, that the whole year they met with the church, and taught many people.

And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

²⁷ Now in those days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸ And one of them named Agabus, stood up and indicated by the Spirit that there would be great famine throughout all the world: which took place in the reign of Claudius Caesar.

²⁹ Then the disciples according to each man's ability, determined to send for relief to the brothers who lived in Judaea:

³⁰ and this is what they did, sending it by the hands of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.



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