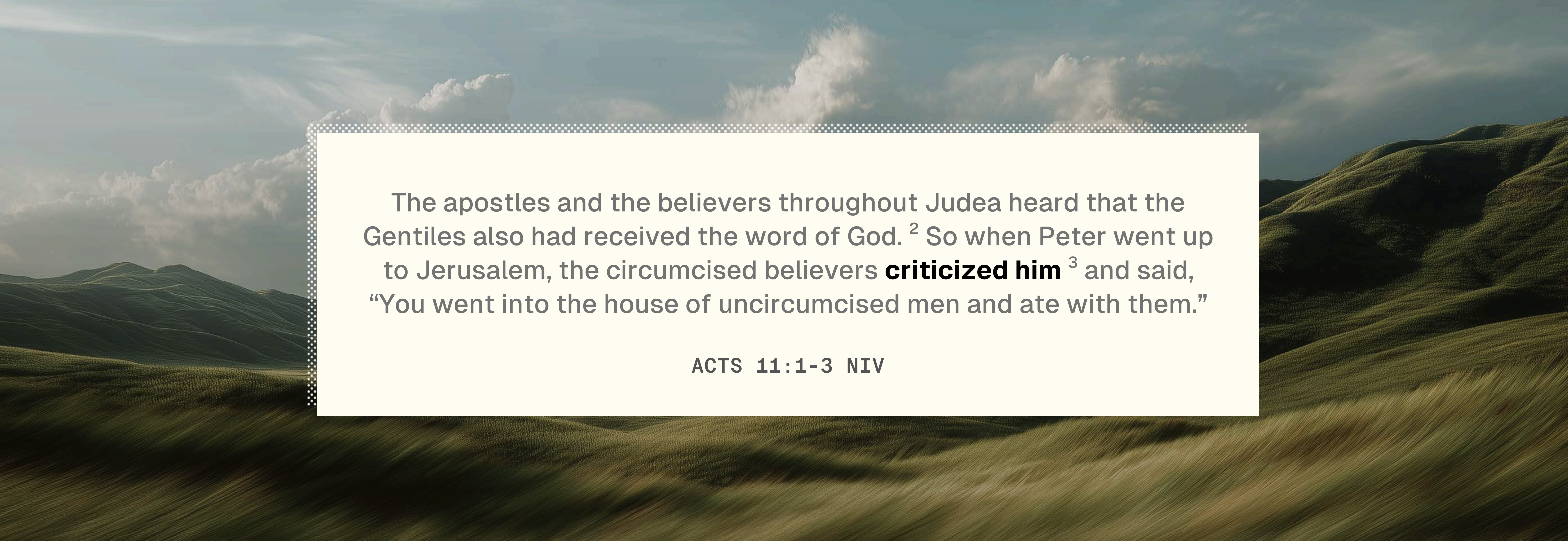


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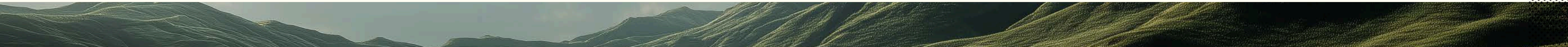


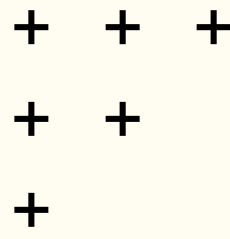
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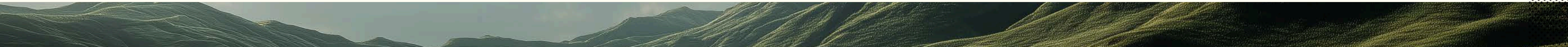
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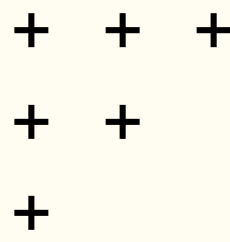




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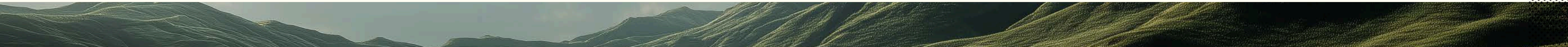
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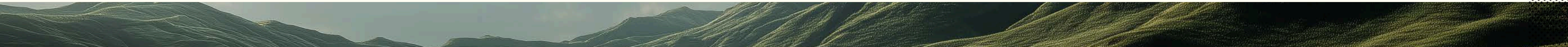
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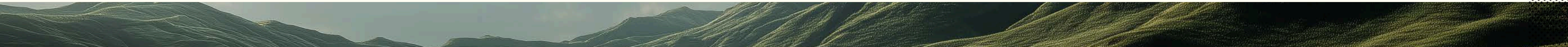
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“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

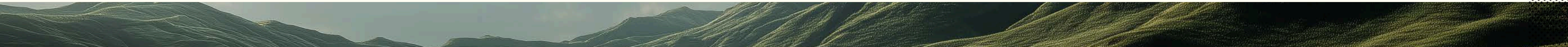
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The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

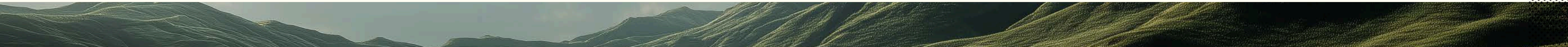
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He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.’¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

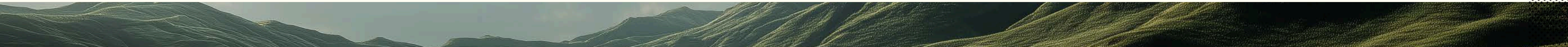
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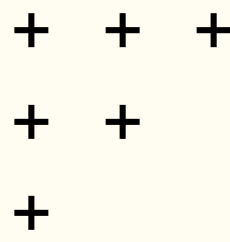


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“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had
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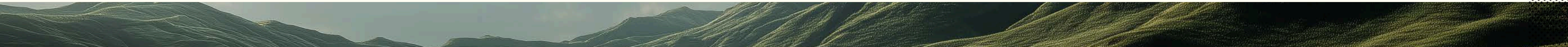
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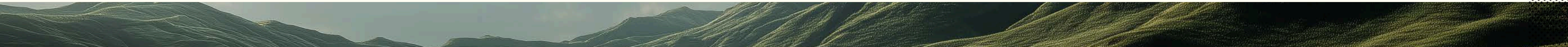
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So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

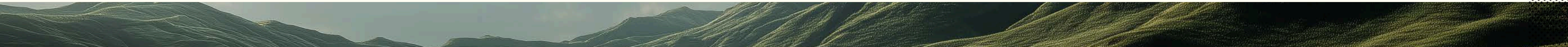
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When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

ACTS 11:18 NIV



God Himself opened the door of salvation in Christ—and no one gets to decide who may walk through it.



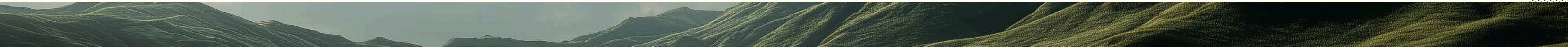


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WHAT ARE WE REALLY TALKING ABOUT?

“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

ACTS 11:9b NIV



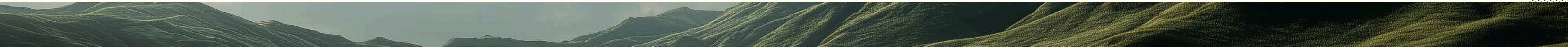


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IS GOD IN THIS?

“The Spirit told me . . . an angel appeared . . . the Holy Spirit came on them . . . God gave them the same gift he gave us. . . “

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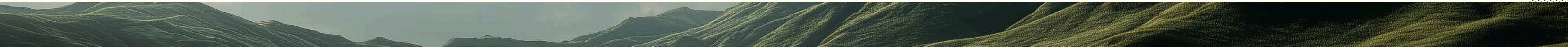


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DOES IT CONFORM TO SCRIPTURE?

“Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

MARK 7:18b-19 NIV



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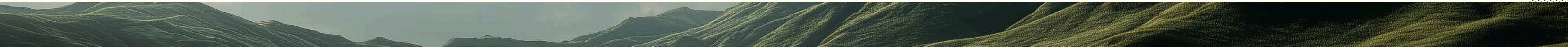


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WHO AM I TO STAND IN GOD'S WAY?

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