



What Peter learns:

- “But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.” (Acts 10:28)
- “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.” (10:34-35)
- “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?” (11:17)

Church

We believe that the **church** is the assembly of those who have accepted God's offer of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. It is the new community of disciples sent into the world to proclaim the reign of God and to provide a foretaste of the church's glorious hope. It is the new society established and sustained by the Holy Spirit.



Romans 6:4 NIV

⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Questions

1. In what ways has the church felt like a foretaste of God's reign? How has the church fallen short?
2. How can we replenish the life of the church through the presence and grace of God rather than needing to see ourselves as "better than"?