May 2016 - Acceptance
Week 22 5/22 - 5/28

"I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' Acts 11:8 NIV

Read Acts 11:1-18. If you have a study Bible, I suggest reading the notes about this verse means. Here is a recap:

God had promised throughout scripture that he would reach every nation. This began with a promise to Abraham and became very specific in the statement "My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting sun" (Malachi 1:11) but this was extremely difficult for the Jews and the Jewish believer to accept. The Jewish believers understood how certain prophecies were fulfilled in Christ but they overlooked other Old Testament teachings. Too often we are inclined to accept only parts of God's Word that appeal to us and support our own agendas, ignoring the parts we do not like. We must accept Gods Word as absolute truth, not just the parts we choose to.

Let's read that again:

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This week's verse is a little difficult to understand without reading the whole chapter. This week challenge yourself to study more about what this verse is all about.