

ORIGINS Pt. 4

“What God’s Intention Requires”

A New Unity requires RADICAL SUBMISSION to Jesus & RADICAL DEVOTION to one another.

- We struggle towards Jesus and His Lordship
- We struggle towards Our Community and a New Unity

CONFLICTED ENCOUNTER

Acts 10:9-15,19-20 NIV

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a **trance**. 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. 12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. 13 Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

14 “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”

15 The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

19 While Peter was **still thinking** about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. 20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

CONTEMPLATE (Getting outside of yourself)

- Articulate what you See.
- Assess what you think about what you See.

Acts 10:25-29 NIV

25 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. 26 But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.”

27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

Acts 2:38-39 NIV

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and ***for all who are far off***—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Isaiah 42:6 NIV

“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

Acts 11:15-18 NIV

15 “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 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?”

18 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.”

GOD’S INTENTION REQUIRES

- God's intention requires Obedience.
- Our Obedience requires Communion.

CONTEMPLATION

- Can you get outside of yourself and your own narrative to consider a New Unity?
- Is there something that God has asked of you and you are unsure what it means?
- Is there something that burdens you that disrupts what you have always thought?