

## Largs Church of the Nazarene

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### Acts 11 (NRSV)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' 4 Then Peter



began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-

footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." 8 But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

### Victory in Jesus/Because He Lives\*

Eugene M. Bartlett/Bill and Gloria Gaither

I heard an old, old story,  
How a Saviour came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory

Refrain: Oh, victory in Jesus,  
My Saviour forever  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me 'ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing,  
Of His cleansing power revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
Come and heal my broken spirit"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
To me the victory (Refrain)

And I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea,  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory! (Refrain)

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

## New Lenses (Acts 11)

- **Introduction: Rising up (and replacing lenses)**

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- **Acts 11:1-3**
  - **Two things Luke is telling us**
    - **The apostle, the authorities, the people**
  - **3 individual conversions**
    - **The beggar, the terrorist, the eunuch**

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- **Acts 11:4-6**
  - **a trance in Joppa**

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- **Acts 11:7-10**
  - **the vision**

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- **Acts 11:11-14**

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- **Acts 11:15-18**
  - **all flesh**
  - **new lenses**

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### **Doxology**

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost