

IT'S ALL GOD'S DOING!

Acts 11:1-18

Introduction

1 When the Lord acts...

- a The Lord gave a vision that broke a long-standing tradition, vv 5-10
- b The Lord timed perfectly the arrival of Gentile messengers, vs 11
- c The Spirit said, "Go!" vs 12
- d The Lord was the One that sent for Peter, vv 13-14
- e The Spirit fell on Gentiles in the same way as on Jews at first, vs 15
- f The Lord's promise made no distinction, vs 16

2 Who can stand in his way?

- a The closing argument: it's all God's doing! vs 17
- b The only conclusion: God's salvation is for all peoples – not exclusive to one! vs 18

3 The central role of the Spirit and tongues in the book of Acts

Reflection

God is the One always at work, turning sinners back to him. He gets the glory, not us.

The Holy Spirit is the great Equalizer/Unifier.

Slow to see God's hand at work because we are used to a particular way of doing things.