

# 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.