

## POLARIZED NO MORE

*Acts 11:1-18 // October 3, 2021 AM*

**I. Judaizer Criticism: the externals of the ceremonial law were forever instituted by God through Moses (vv. 2-3).**

- A. Foundation one: the ceremonial law abides for all time.
- B. Foundation two: the ceremonial law divides for all time.

**II. Apostolic Response: the externals of the ceremonial law were forever abrogated by God through Christ (vv. 4-17).**

- A. Foundation one: Christ fulfills the ceremonial law for all time (vv. 5-10).
- B. Foundation two: Christ removes the divide for all time (vv. 11-17).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. After staying with Cornelius for a number of days, where does Peter go? Who criticizes him when he arrives?
2. Why is the circumcision party criticizing Peter? Is their criticism true? What is the theology undergirding their critique?
3. How does Peter respond to their criticism? Why do you think he appeals to his experience, rather than to the Scriptures?
4. What does Peter's vision and the outpouring of the Spirit upon Cornelius' house teach us about the ceremonial law?
5. Pastor Nick mentioned the distinction between the moral law and positive law. What is the difference and why does this matter?
6. What kinds of disputable differences does Satan seek to use today to polarize and divide Christians? What are the differences in our congregation that we are most prone to be tempted toward divisiveness?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How has the internet and societal tensions affected my ability to have legitimate differences with fellow Christians while still being unified?
2. Am I standing in God's way, erecting barriers between myself and other members of Cornerstone?
3. How does the gospel have the ability to unite such radically different people?