

# Inside the Mind of Peter

**Text:** Opening his mouth, Peter said: *"I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him."* (Acts 10:34-35)

## Intro: Back to Peter...

The great question of the hour

## I. Peter's Travels

In Jerusalem

Outside Jerusalem

Acts 9:35

Acts 9:42

## II. Peter's Thinking

Manner:

With one hand... with the other hand...

Acts 9:39, 43

This is the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean for seven days. (Numbers 19:14)

### III. Peter & the Tanner

Excluded

### IV. Peter & Unclean

#### Application 1: The Difficulty

*Semper reformanda*

Humility

Therefore we must not consider human writings—no matter how holy their authors may have been—equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom, nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of time or persons, nor councils, decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God, for truth is above everything else. Belgic Confession, art. 7

#### Application 2: Grace for the Excluded