

Acts Ch. 11:1-18

“Understanding God’s Redemptive Plan”

**The Gospel of Grace is rated “E” for Everyone*

1. V1-3 Responding to those who have come into the Kingdom

- i. The **WAY** we respond to others being saved reveals how much we understand God’s grace ourselves.
- ii. *Ex. If we refuse to forgive others we show we don’t truly understand how much we have been forgiven. If we refuse to show mercy to others, we show that we don’t truly understand how much mercy God has had on us.*
- iii. When we “**elevate**” the traditions of man we make the word of God of no effect in our **lives** (Mark 7, Matthew 15)

2. V4-16 Realizing God’s Redemptive Plan

- i. Jesus **alone** is the one who saves (Acts 4:12, John 14:6, 1 Tim. 2:5 and others)
- ii. **God’s plan for the gentiles was mentioned but was a mystery in the OT (Isaiah 42:1, Isaiah 49:6b, Amos 9:11-12 and Ephesians 3)**
- iii. *As God’s gardeners we are not called to “inspect” the soil but to spread the “seeds” of the Gospel message.*
- iv. *What needs to be “undone” in your theology of the Gospel? Have you added or subtracted from Jesus’s FINISHED work? Is Jesus enough? *Jesus and NOTHING = Salvation*

3. V17-18 Rejoicing when one sinner repents

- i. We should rejoice when God is doing a work IN and Through other people (Luke 15:7) especially when someone gets saved
- ii. *When our presuppositions and prejudices lead the way, we can miss out on what God is doing in His Kingdom.*