



Genesis 1:27

So God created  
mankind in his own  
image, in the image of  
God he created them;  
male and female he  
created them.



Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and  
fall short of the glory  
of God



Genesis. 12:2-3

"I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

Exodus 19:5-7

Now if you obey me fully and  
keep my covenant, then out of  
all nations you will be my  
treasured possession. Although  
the whole earth is mine, you will  
be for me a kingdom of priests  
and a holy nation.

The stories of God's people fall into 4 different patterns:

- \* Drift into becoming like the other nations
- \* Forgetting their purpose of being God-reflectors to the other nations
- \* Live into their purpose of reflecting God to the other nations
- \* The idolatrous and immoral ways of the world invade the holy space of God's people

### Acts 10:11-15

He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

**THE TENSION: HOW DO WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO LIVING A HOLY LIFE WITHOUT DISMISSING OTHERS AS UNCLEAN?**



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### Acts 10:27-28

While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean."

### Acts 10:34-36

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."

### Acts 11:17-18

So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

### Romans 3:22-24

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.