

# Acts 10:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

## Analysis

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The divine response - 'What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common' - declared God's sovereign right to determine cleanness. The perfect tense 'hath cleansed' indicated completed action. God had already cleansed what Peter still called common.

## Historical Context

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This statement revolutionized ceremonial categories. What God declares clean is clean, regardless of previous classification. This principle would apply to Gentile believers.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's cleansing authority challenge human categorizations?
2. What does 'calling common what God has cleansed' look like in practice today?

## Interlinear Text

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| καὶ   | φωνή      | πάλιν         | ἐκ    | δευτέρου        | πρὸς       | αὐτόν | Ἄ     |
| And   | the voice | again         | G1537 | the second time | spake unto | him   | What  |
| G2532 | G5456     | G3825         |       | G1208           | G4314      | G846  | G3739 |
| ὁ     | θεὸς      | ἐκαθάρισεν    | σὺ    | μὴ              | κοίνου     |       |       |
| G3588 | God       | hath cleansed | thou  | not             | common     |       |       |
|       | G2316     | G2511         | G4771 | G3361           | G2840      |       |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 10:25** (Parallel theme): Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:

**Matthew 15:11** (Parallel theme): Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

**Titus 1:15** (Parallel theme): Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

**Mark 7:19** (Parallel theme): Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

**Romans 14:14** (Parallel theme): I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

**Acts 10:28** (References God): And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

**Acts 11:9** (References God): But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

**Acts 15:9** (Parallel theme): And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

**Acts 15:20** (Parallel theme): But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

**Romans 14:20** (References God): For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

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