720 THE ACTS. X.   
   
 came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. }4 But   
 hRevxts: Peter said, Not so, Lord; »for I have never eaten any   
 exkiv. thing that iscommon or unclean. 16 And the voice spake   
 imatt.zv.11. unto him again the second time, !! ”at God hath cleansed,   
 sot, [2 that] call not thou common. 16 This was done thrice;   
 ie mt Mand the vessel was received up [™again] into heaven.   
 17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision   
 which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which   
 were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon’s   
 house, and stood before the gate, 8 and called, and asked   
 whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged   
 there. 19 While Peter thought on the vision, \* the Spirit   
 said unto him, Behold, P three men seek thee. 201}   
 therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting   
 nothing: for I have sent them. \*! Then Peter went down   
 keh. xi. to the men [9 which were sent unto him from Cornelius ;]   
 and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the   
 mver.1, 7. cause Wherefore ye are come? \* And they said, ™ Corne-   
 lius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God,   
 and " of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was   
 warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into   
   
   
   
   
   
 nich. rxii.   
   
   
 1 ,ender, Those things which. ™ omit.   
 2 read, and immediately.   
   
 P Some of our oldest MSS. omit three: the Vatican US. reads two.   
 4 omit, with all our oldest authorities.   
   
 nor ‘some of all kinds:’ in the vision it ‘added because of transgressions’ (Gal. iii.   
 seemed to Peter to be an assemblage of 19),—and all regarded in his eyes as pure   
 all creation. fourfooted . . . ereep- Sor the sake of His dear Son. But the   
 ing things... fowls] In ch. xi. 6, Peter literal truth of the representation was also   
 follows the more strictly Jewish division : implied ;—that the same distinctions be-   
 see there. 14.) Peter rightly un- tween the animals intended for use as food   
 derstands the command as giving him free were now done away, and free range al-   
 choice of ald the creatures shewn to him. lowed to men, as their lawful wants and   
 We cannot infer hence that the sheet desires invite over the whole creation   
 contained unclean animals only. It was of God: that creation itself having been   
 a mixture of clean and unclean, —the purified and rendered clean for use by the   
 aggregate, therefore, being unclean. satisfaction of Christ. The same truth   
 Lord] So Cornelius to the angel, ver. 4. which is asserted by the heavenly voice in   
 It is here addressed to the unknown hea- Peter’s vision, is declared Ephes. i. 10;   
 venly speaker.—On the clean and un- Col. i. 20; 1 Tim. iv. 4, 5.—Only we must   
 clean beasts, &c., see Levit. xi. be careful not to confound this restitution   
 15.] These weighty words have more than with the restoration of all things of ch.   
 one application, They reveal what was 21; see notes there. 16. thrice] de-   
 needed for the occasion, in a figure: God noting the certainty of the thing revealed :   
 letting down from heaven clean and un- see Gen. xli. 18.] The strict sense   
 clean alike, Jew and Gentile,—represented is, having called out (some one), they   
 that He had made of one blood all nations were enquiring. 19.] See ch. viii.   
 to dwell on the face of all the earth: God note. 20. I (emphatic) have sent   
 having purified these, signified that the them] The Holy Spirit, shed down upon   
 distinction was now abolished which was the Church to lead it into all the truth,