



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High.  
**Title:** Salvation To The Gentiles,  
Part 4  
**Lesson:** 63

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**The Jews knew the Abrahamic Covenant but they missed the inclusion of all nations.**

Genesis 26:4 “I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants **all the nations of the earth** shall be blessed;

“nations” [ethnos] -

**Peter preached the Abrahamic Covenant.**

Acts 3:25 “It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed.’

**It is stated clearly in the O.T..**

Deuteronomy 10:17 “For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe.

Job 34:19 Who shows no partiality to princes Nor regards the rich above the poor, For they all are the work of His hands?

Acts 10:34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,

### **"Opening his mouth"**

A Greek colloquialism that meant something weighty.

### **Why was Peter so prejudice against the Gentiles?**

### **Two personal questions**

1. What belief or attitude is God correcting in your life?
2. Are you humble enough to receive correction?

### **We should always be Bereans.**

Acts 17:11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

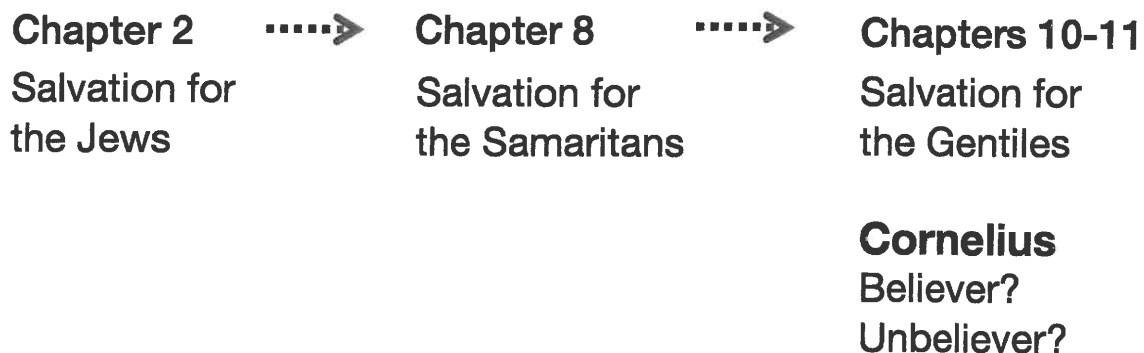
**Two fallacies regarding salvation:**

1. **Sinners can be saved \_\_\_\_\_**  
**hearing the gospel.**

Acts 10:1–2 Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, 2 a devout man and one who **feared God** with all his household, and **gave many alms** to the Jewish people and **prayed** to God continually.

**A. Being a believer would disrupt the \_\_\_\_\_ context.**

**Outline for the gospel (Acts 1:8)**



**B. Being an unbeliever makes sense with the \_\_\_\_\_ context.**

**Peter repeats Cornelius' testimony to the Jerusalem Counsel.**

Acts 11:13–14 “And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; 14 and he will speak words to you by which **you will be saved**, you and all your household.’

“words” -

**Salvation by faith is explicitly stated many times.**

Ephesians 2:8–9 For by grace you have been saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 **not as a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Titus 3:5 He saved us, **not on the basis of deeds** which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

Galatians 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is **not justified by the works** of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ

and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

35 the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him”

### **Key features of salvation:**

#### **1. God initiates and sovereignly orchestrates salvation.**

John 6:44 “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Isaiah 64:6–7 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities

**2. Salvation requires the \_\_\_\_\_  
of human will.**

Both the Ethiopian eunuch and Cornelius had a responsive and submissive attitude leading to their salvation.

Salvation will not take place unless man responds to the light he is been given.

Matthew 23:37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

**“unwilling”**

38 “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

When a person rejects Christ it is never God’s desire nor is it His fault. Hell is self-inflicted.

**Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matt 22:1-14)**

## **Man has a choice in the gospel.**

Matthew 11:28–30 “**Come to Me**, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 “**Take My yoke** upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Isaiah 55:1–3 “Ho! Every one who thirsts, **come** to the waters; And you who have no money come, **buy** and **eat**. **Come, buy** wine and milk Without money and without cost. 2 “Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? **Listen** carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. 3 “**Incline your ear** and **come** to Me. **Listen**, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

## **A crucial passage on man’s will.**

Romans 1:18–21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

“**evident within them**” = Conscience

“**evident to them**” = Natural revelation

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been ***clearly seen***, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

There are no atheists.

21 For even though ***they knew God***, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

### Implication

**We must \_\_\_\_\_ man to believe while  
\_\_\_\_\_ in The sovereignty of God  
for their conversion.**

### Discussion Guide

1. As a result of our series, are you are better prepared and more courageous in speaking up for the cause of Christ?
2. What doctrine(s) or attitude(s) have you had to unlearn as a result of previous teaching?
3. How are we to respond to truths in Scripture that are not reconcilable? Can you think of any? How about the incarnation. Was Jesus God or man?
4. Read Acts 2:37-40. Was Peter a Calvinist or an Armenian? Did he believe in man's will or God's sovereignty?

**ANSWERS:** without, larger, immediate, choice, exhort, trusting