



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High.  
**Title:** Salvation To The Gentiles,  
Part 5  
**Lesson:** 64

**Text:** Acts 10:36-43  
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## Key features of salvation:

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

Acts 2:39 “For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will **call to Himself.**”

### 2. Salvation requires the choice of human will.

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

Acts 10:34–35 Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, 35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

**“fears Him” / “does what is right”**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers.

Acts 10:36-43 “The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)— 37 you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed. 38 “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 “We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

40 “God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 “And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. 43 “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

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**“The word”**

**“sons of Israel”**

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

**“peace”**

Romans 5:10 For if while we were **enemies** we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Ephesians 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature** children of wrath, even as the rest.

John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who **does not obey** the Son will not see life, but the **wrath of God** abides on him.”

“**Peace**”- [eirene] - To bind together than which has been separated.

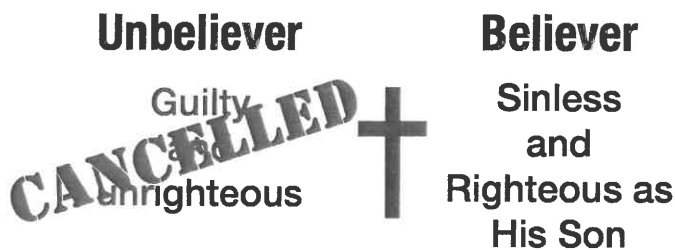
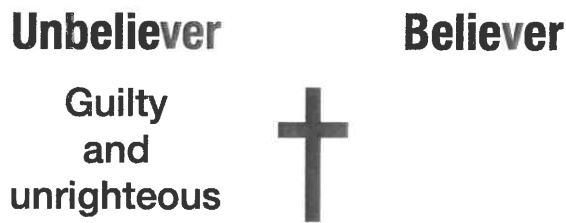
**How does the gospel restore our peace with God?**

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**“justified”**

**The doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_**

Justification is “a declaration of God by which those who are unrighteous in themselves are nevertheless \_\_\_\_\_ righteous before God.



Romans 5:18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

“all men” is qualified by verse 17

Romans 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

**Once we are justified, our peace with God  
\_\_\_\_\_ be lost.**

**Romans 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect?  
GOD is the one who justifies;**

Acts 10:36 "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel,  
preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)—

**"He is Lord of all"**

**What is essential in our witnessing?**

**A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

37 you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout  
all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John  
proclaimed.

**"you yourselves know"**

38 "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him  
with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about  
doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with Him.

**This is likely speaking of the Lord's baptism.**

Matthew 3:16–17 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, **"This is My beloved Son,** in whom I am well-pleased."

39 "We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

**B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

39b. They (Jews) also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

This is the 5th time Peter blamed the Jews.

Acts 2:23; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30. 10:37 - Stephen 7:52

**C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus**

40 "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become **visible**,

## **Who did Jesus appear to?**

1 Corinthians 15:5–8 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

## **Our Lord's appearance would not have solicited belief.**

Luke 16 31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.' "

41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

## **D. The \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus**

42 "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

**"solemnly testify"** - that Jesus is judge

It has a thoroughness, intensity and earnestness to it.

**"living" / "dead"**

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ to believe

43 “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

“believes”

**Discussion Guide**

1. What have we learned about the tension between the sovereignty of God and man’s responsibility to believe? How does Romans 1:18-20 play into that tension?
2. Why does Luke call the gospel “peace” through Jesus Christ?”
3. What is the doctrine of justification and why is it essential for the peace of God? How does justification eliminate the possibility that a believer can lose their salvation.
4. What did you perceive as most important about today’s sermon?



**ANSWERS:** Witnessing, Justification, declared, cannot, person, death, resurrection, judgment, invitation