



**Series:** Power From On High.  
**Title:** Salvation To The Gentiles,  
Part 6  
**Lesson:** 65

**Text:** Acts 10:44-48  
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## **Essential features of salvation**

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

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.’”

#### **“you will be saved”**

This verse implies divine certainty. Cornelius and his household must be saved.

### **2. Salvation requires a choice of the will.**

### **3. Witnessing to unbelievers**

- A. The Person of Jesus
- B. The death of Jesus
- C. The resurrection of Jesus
- D. The judgment of Jesus
- E. The good news of the gospel.

Acts 10:44–48 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered, 47 “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?” 48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

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**baptism.** (Baptism of H. Sp.)

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**Why did God cut Him off?**

What Peter was going to say was not necessary.

**The Holy Spirit functions according to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ will, not man's will.**

**How did Jesus describe the Holy Spirit in salvation?**

John 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is ***born of the Spirit.***"

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**"words" & "listening"**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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A. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
the gospel saves.

B. Having believed, we \_\_\_\_\_  
receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be  
**baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from  
now.”

C. It is important to see what was missing.

1) There was no \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 10:13 for “Whoever will **call** on the name  
of the Lord will be saved.”

**2) There was no \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3) There was no law-keeping or \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4) There was no \_\_\_\_\_ baptism.**

**5) They did not ask for or \_\_\_\_\_  
the Holy Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were **ALL** baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **ALL** made to drink of one Spirit.

45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

**“circumcised believers?”**

They were Jewish men who had placed their faith in Christ just like Peter had.

Circumcision was a sign of the covenant for Abraham’s descendants.

The Mosaic Law repeated the requirement in Leviticus 12:2–3.

Acts 15:1–2 Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, **“Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”** 2 And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue.

7 After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe.

11 “But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”

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1. Baptism does not have to be performed by official church leaders.
2. The formula “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” is not the only statement in baptism. It is perfectly acceptable to be baptized “in the name of Jesus Christ.”

## Discussion guide

1. Without looking at your notes, can you recite the five essential elements to all legitimate evangelism?
2. Why is it helpful to understand that the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation is according to God's will and not man's will?

How is it like the wind according to John 3:8?

3. The words of God saved Cornelius and his household. How should that impact our witnessing?
4. How would you respond to a pentecostal or charismatic who demands that you seek the baptism of the Spirit and that evidence of that baptism is tongues speaking?
5. Why do you believe altar calls are so popular? Do you believe they are helpful or misleading?

**ANSWERS:** Belief, spirit, Father's, Hearing, believing, immediately, prayer, altar call, works, water, seek, water