



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High.

Title: What must one do to be saved? Part 3

Lesson: 79

Text: Acts 15:12-18

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The first church crisis on a nation-wide scale.

What must one do to be saved?

Characteristics of all false religions.

Acts 15:1 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.”

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

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.

3 Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.

4 When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

6 The apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter.

Three testimonies that prove salvation is by faith alone.

1. Peter

A. His commissioning

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.

"by my mouth"

"hear the word"

"believe"

B. The Gentiles received the Holy Spirit.

8 “And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;

C. God cleanses the heart.

9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.

Ezekiel 36:25–27 “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be **clean**; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

10 “Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

“yoke”

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

“the grace of the Lord Jesus”

2. _____ / _____

A. God's _____

12 All the people kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they were relating what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

Acts 10:45–46 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.

3. _____

A. _____

13 After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, “Brethren, listen to me.

14 “Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

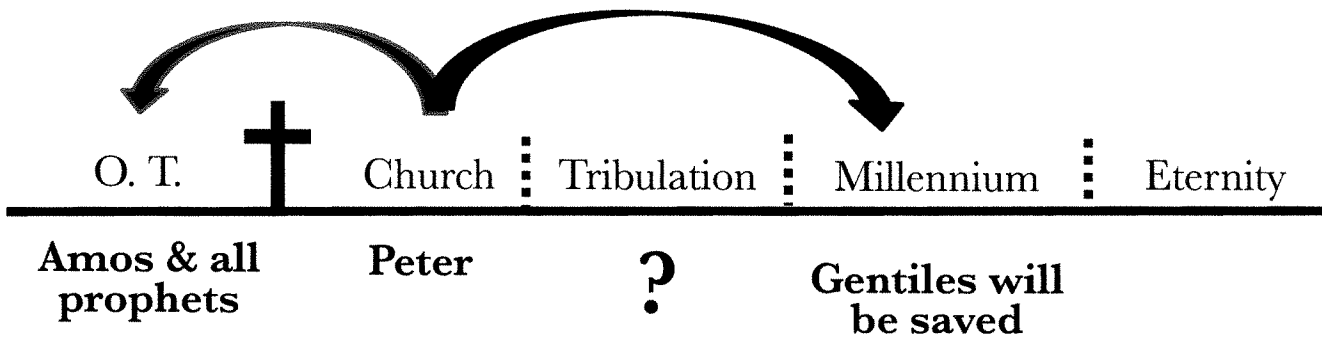
“a people” for His name”

15 “With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written,

“**agree**” [symphōneō] -

“**prophets**” (plural)

16 ‘After these things I will return, And I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, And I will rebuild its ruins, And I will restore it, 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek



Tribulation for Israel - 9-10

Amos 9:9–10 “For behold, I am commanding, And I will shake the house of Israel among all nations As grain is shaken in a sieve, But not a kernel will fall to the ground. 10 “All the sinners of My people will die by the sword, Those who say, ‘The calamity will not overtake or confront us.’”

Millennial Kingdom - 11-12

Amos 9:11–12 “In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name,” Declares the Lord who does this.

16 'After these things I will return, And I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, And I will rebuild its ruins, And I will restore it, 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,' 18 Says the Lord, who makes these things known from long ago.

Do Gentiles have to become Jewish proselytes? - No

Do you find the Law mentioned? - No

What about circumcision? - No

Salvation comes to Gentiles who are "called" and when they "seek the Lord."

Implications

1. When rightly interpreted, there is not a single verse in the Bible that tells us we are to earn salvation by

_____.

Why did James include verse 16?

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2. The current priority of the church does not _____ God's future plans for Israel.

Acts 15:14 "Simeon has related how God ***first*** concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

16 '**After these things** I will return, And I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, And I will rebuild its ruins, And I will restore it, 17 **SO THAT the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,**' 18 Says the Lord, who makes these things known from long ago.

3. Israel will finally be the _____ they were called to be.

Zechariah 8:20–23 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities 21 'The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I will also go." 22 'So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the Lord of hosts **in Jerusalem** and to entreat the favor of the Lord.' 23 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the nations will ***grasp the garment of a Jew***, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that **God is with you.**" ' "

Discussion Guide

1. Why is chapter five so crucial and what are the three proofs that were used?
2. What was the purpose(s) for miracles and how did they validate that salvation is by faith alone and not by works?
3. Reread Acts 10:45-46 and discuss how the gift of languages (tongues) was used as a sign of validation.
4. What is the doctrine of inspiration and how does verse 15 affirm it?
5. Review why James included verse 16 in his defense of the gospel of faith.

ANSWERS; Paul, Barnabas, miracles, James, Prophetic promises, works, cancel, missionaries