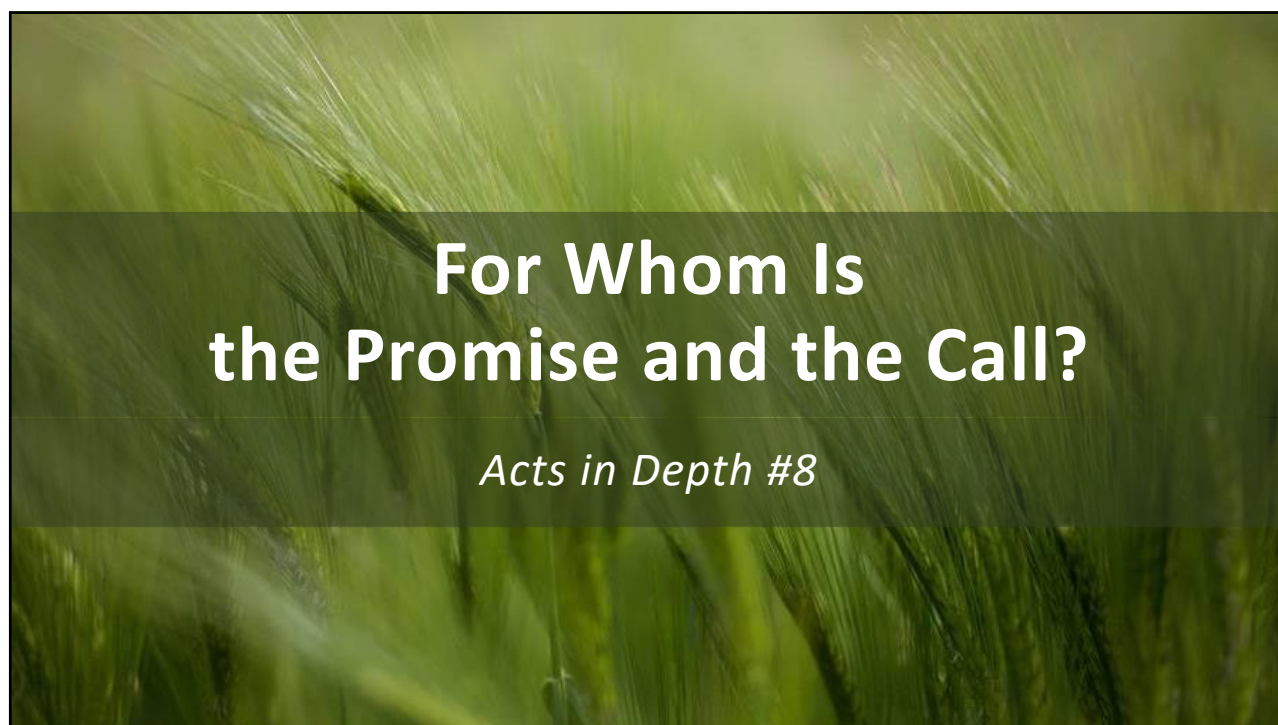


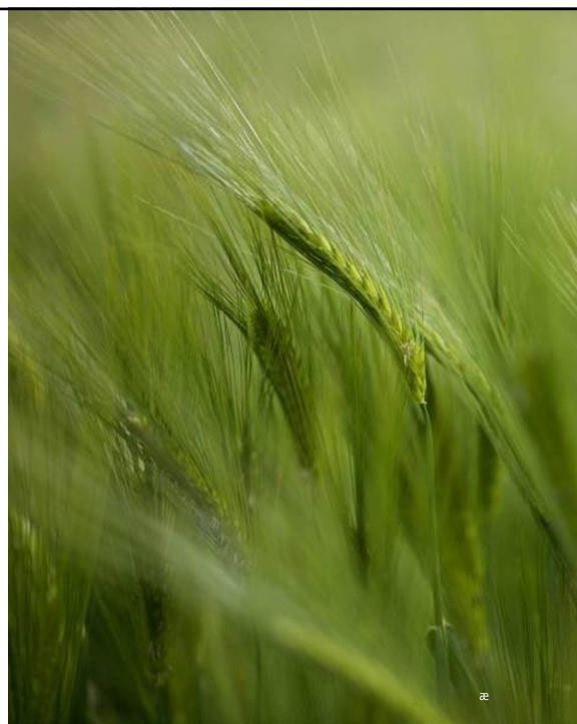
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ACTS 2:38

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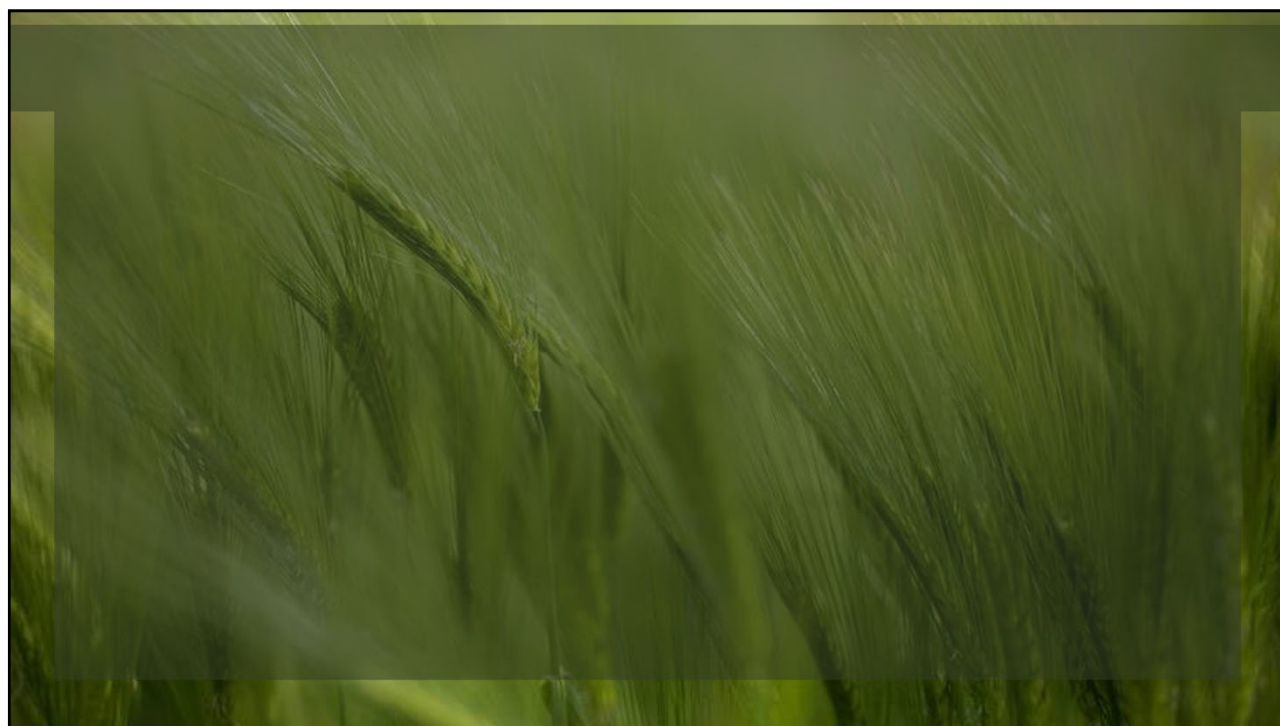
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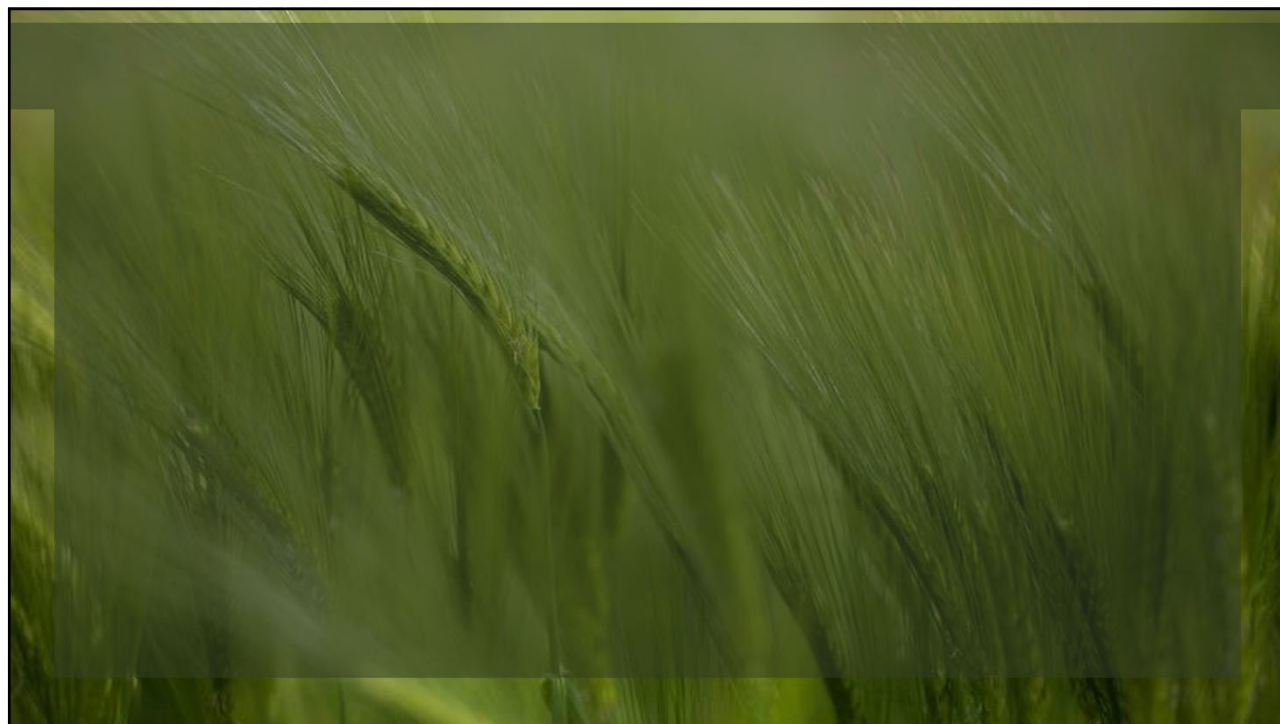
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1. Peter Reviews the Promise: The HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 1:4-5 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for **the Promise** of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ “for John truly baptized with water, but **you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**”

Acts 2:33 “Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He poured out this which you now see and hear.”

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2. Peter Reviews the Potential RECIPIENTS

a. To You: The Jewish **CROWD** (& All Jews)

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "**Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem**, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

Acts 2:22 "**Men of Israel**, hear these words..."

Acts 2:29 "**Men and brethren...**"

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all **the house of Israel** know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, **for the Jew first...**

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- c. To Those "At a Distance": The GENTILES*

Acts 22:21 "Then He said to me, 'Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.'"

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

Rom 1:16 ... and also for the Greek.

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Gentiles in Ephesians

2:11 Therefore remember that you, **once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for **you Gentiles**

Eph 3:6 **that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body,** and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

3:8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, **that I should preach among the Gentiles** the unsearchable riches of Christ,

4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk **as the rest of the Gentiles** walk, in the futility of their mind,

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“as many as the Lord our God will call”

This portion of the text is difficult to understand, as it does not give enough information to be clear.

Some understand it as evidence of God’s sovereign choice or election of those that He brings to belief (“the elect”).

Other details seem to indicate that it could be understood in almost the opposite way – God providing salvation to any and all who will listen and respond.

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(God's Sovereign Call to Salvation, cf. Rom 8:30)

Rom 8:29-30 *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

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

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b. VIEW #2: Pertains to *EVERYONE*

(Any and All Who Will Listen and Believe)

- “as many as” → As in, you, your children, all afar off – everyone
- “as Lord our God might call to” → an invitation that can be rejected

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4. Summary Thoughts: *Whatever This Means...*

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It does not stifle our message!

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It does not limit who we speak to!

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Acts 2:40 *And with **many other words** he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”*

*It does not remove the need
for our explanation and effort!*

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Luke 24:47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name **to all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem.

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples **of all the nations...**

Acts 1:8 ... and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the end of the earth.**

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John 3:16-17 For God so loved **the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into **the world** to condemn **the world**, but that **the world** through Him might be saved.

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John 4:14 but **whoever** drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 12:32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw **all peoples** to Myself.

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Act 26:20 but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and **then to the Gentiles**, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

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1 Tim 2:3-6 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a **ransom for all**, to be testified in due time

1 Tim 4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is **the Savior of all men**, especially of those who believe.

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2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but **that all should come to repentance.**

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "**Come!**" And let him who hears say, "**Come!**" And **let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires**, let him take the water of life freely.

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Acts 17:30-34 “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands **all men everywhere** to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge **the world** in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this **to all** by raising Him from the dead.” ³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.” ... Paul departed from among them. ³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed... .

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