

What Revival Looks Like  
How Revival Acts  
Acts 10:1-16



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which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.  
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angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.  
4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it,  
Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come  
up for a memorial before God.  
5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose  
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side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.  
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13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

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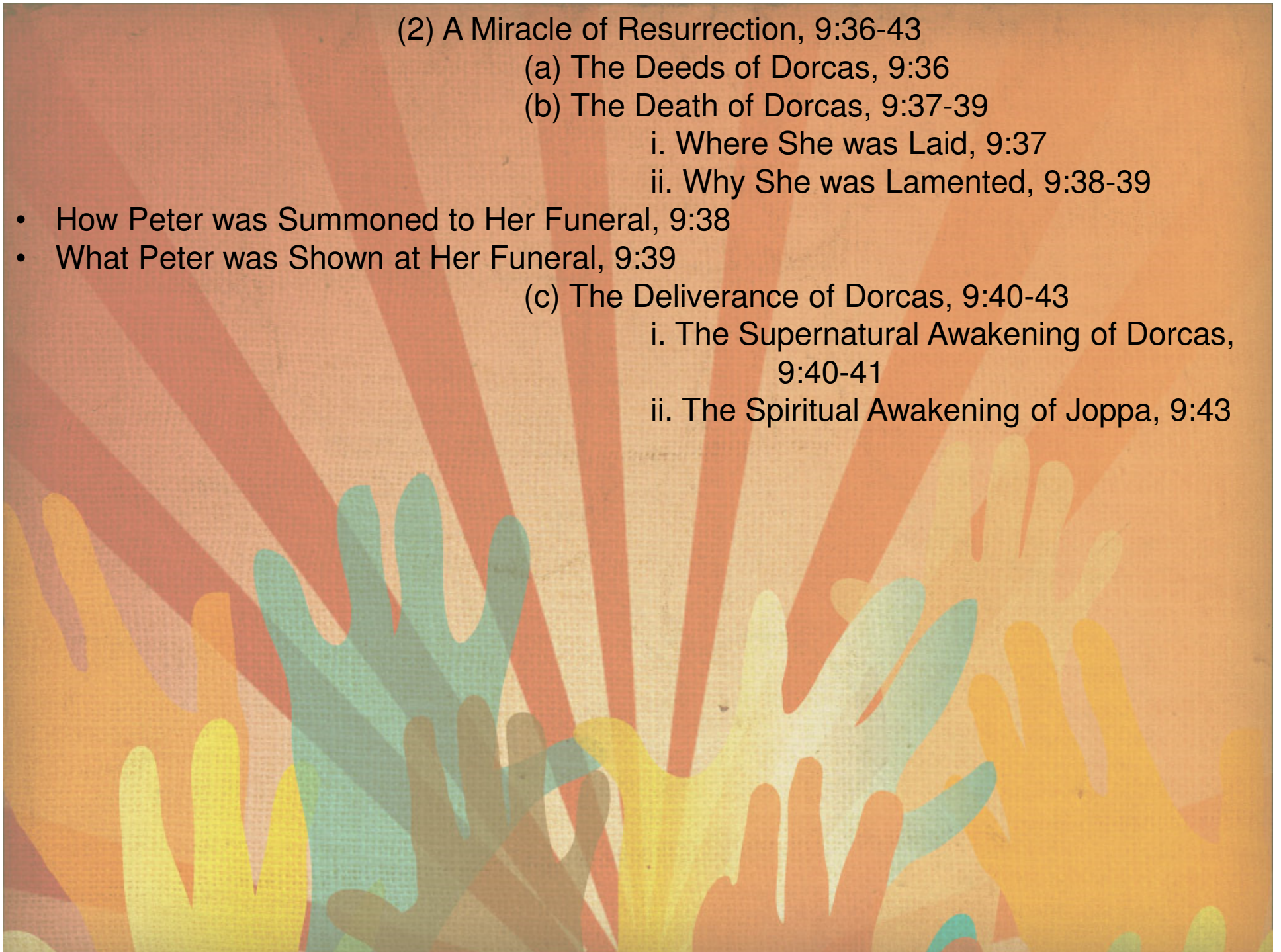
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Luke stressed four things in this conversion story particularly:

- First, the Christians initially resisted the ideas of evangelizing Gentiles, and of accepting them into the church apart from any relationship to Judaism (10:14, 28; 11:2-3, 8).
- Second, God Himself led the way in Gentile evangelism and acceptance, and He showed His approval (10:3, 11-16, 19-20, 22b, 30-33, 44-46; 11:5-10, 13, 15-17).
- Third, it was Peter, the leader of the Jerusalem apostles, whom God used to open the door of the church to Gentiles—rather than Paul (10:23, 34-43, 47-48; 11:15-17).  
**Peter has “the keys” – Acts 2 and 10.**
- Fourth, the Jerusalem church accepted the conversion of Gentiles—apart from their associating with Judaism—because God had validated this in Cornelius' case (11:18).

## c. Peter's Ministry, 10:1-11:18

### (1) How This Ministry was Commanded 10:1-23

#### (a) The Heavenly Visitor Who Aroused Cornelius, 10:1-8

##### i. The Actions of Cornelius Toward God, 10:1-2

Acts 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band*,  
2 A devout *man*, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.





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Mt. 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, ...

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. ...

13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Acts 11:13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, **whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.**

## ii. The Acceptance of Cornelius by God, 10:3-4

Acts 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

### iii. The Advice to Cornelius from God, 10:5-8

- How Precisely it was Heralded, 10:5-6

Acts 10:5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

- How Promptly it was Heeded, 10:7-8

Acts 10:7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

## (b) The Heavenly Vision That Arrested Peter, 10:9-23

### i. How Peter was Prepared by God, 10:9-16

- A Very Human Kind of Dichotomy, 10:9-10

Acts 10:9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

- A Very Hebrew Kind of Difficulty, 10:11-16

- The Command, 10:11-13

Acts 10:11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

- The Conflict, 10:14-15

Acts 10:14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

Ezek. 4:14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

Mark 7:14 And when he had called all the people *unto him*, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one *of you*, and understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, *it* cannot defile him;

19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?

- The Confirmation, 10:16

Acts 10:16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Jonah 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and **went down to Joppa**; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.



## Conclusion

Rom. 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. **Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.** ...

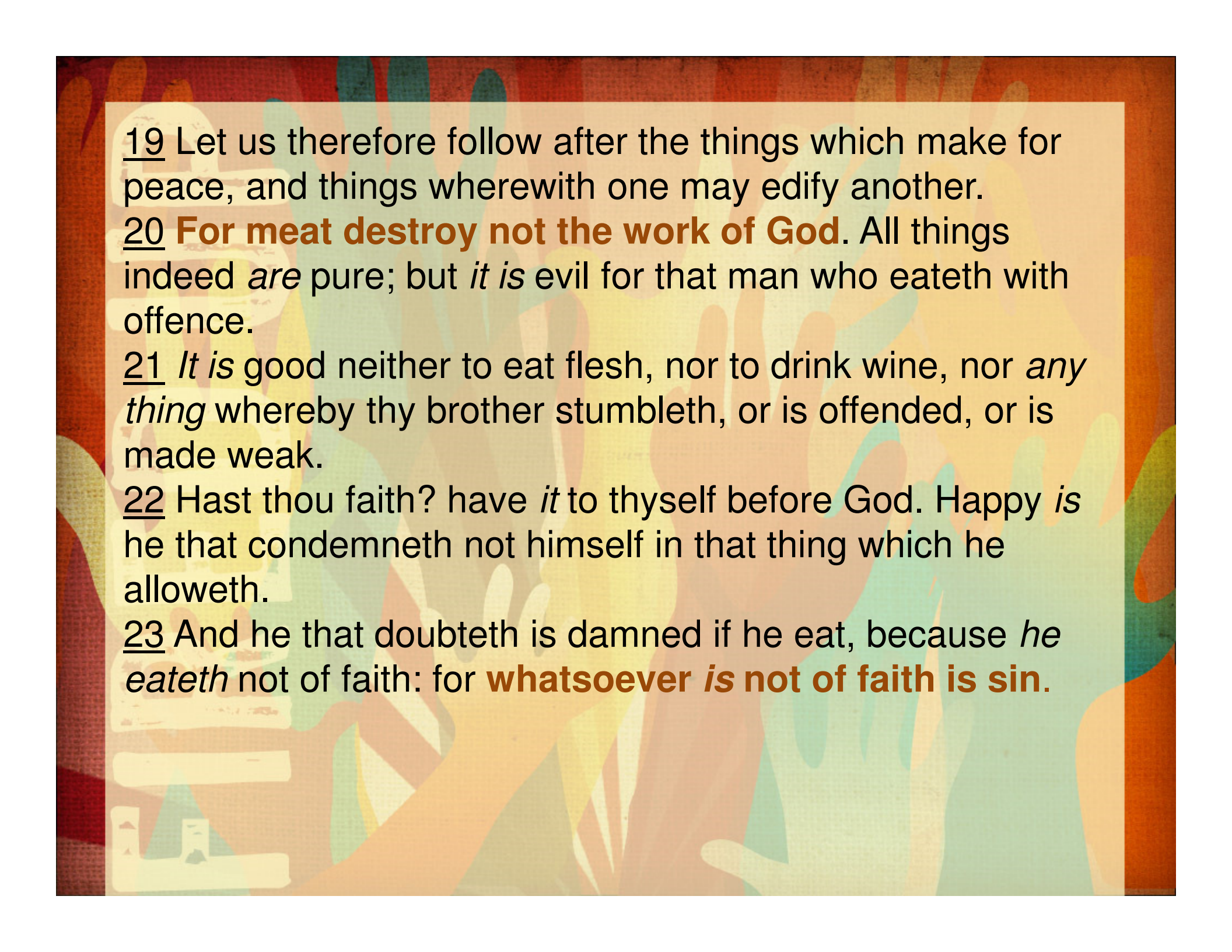
14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For **the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

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19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 **For meat destroy not the work of God.** All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**