

**“Foreigners Defended”** by Kirk Hunt

*If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”*

Acts 11:17 NKJV

Peter stood before the leadership at Jerusalem and explained himself. He had to mount a significant defense for his actions in Joppa. Effectively, these men wanted to know who authorized the Holy Spirit to empower Gentiles.

Too little age, credentials or background are reasons to reject you. Too much age, credentials or background are also reasons to reject you. To the self-appointed correct people, there is always a reason to reject you. Somebody, somewhere, thinks you should not be allowed.

Peter’s vision and direct Word from God would probably not satisfy the “old school” sitting around the table. Thankfully, Peter did not have to rely on clear-headed reasoning alone. The Holy Spirit chose these Gentiles and manifested Himself, the same way He did in the Upper Room.

Thankfully, God does not ask the “correct” people whether you should be empowered. The Holy Spirit gives access to those who seek Him in sincerity and truth. His power, active in your life, is its own defense for why you have access to Him.

If God gives you His power, He will also defend your access to Him. Accept your calling, purpose and power through the Holy Spirit. Let God defend you against the naysayers.

**Think:** God defends His people, even when they are foreigners.

**Pray:** “Lord, thank You for defending my access to You.

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