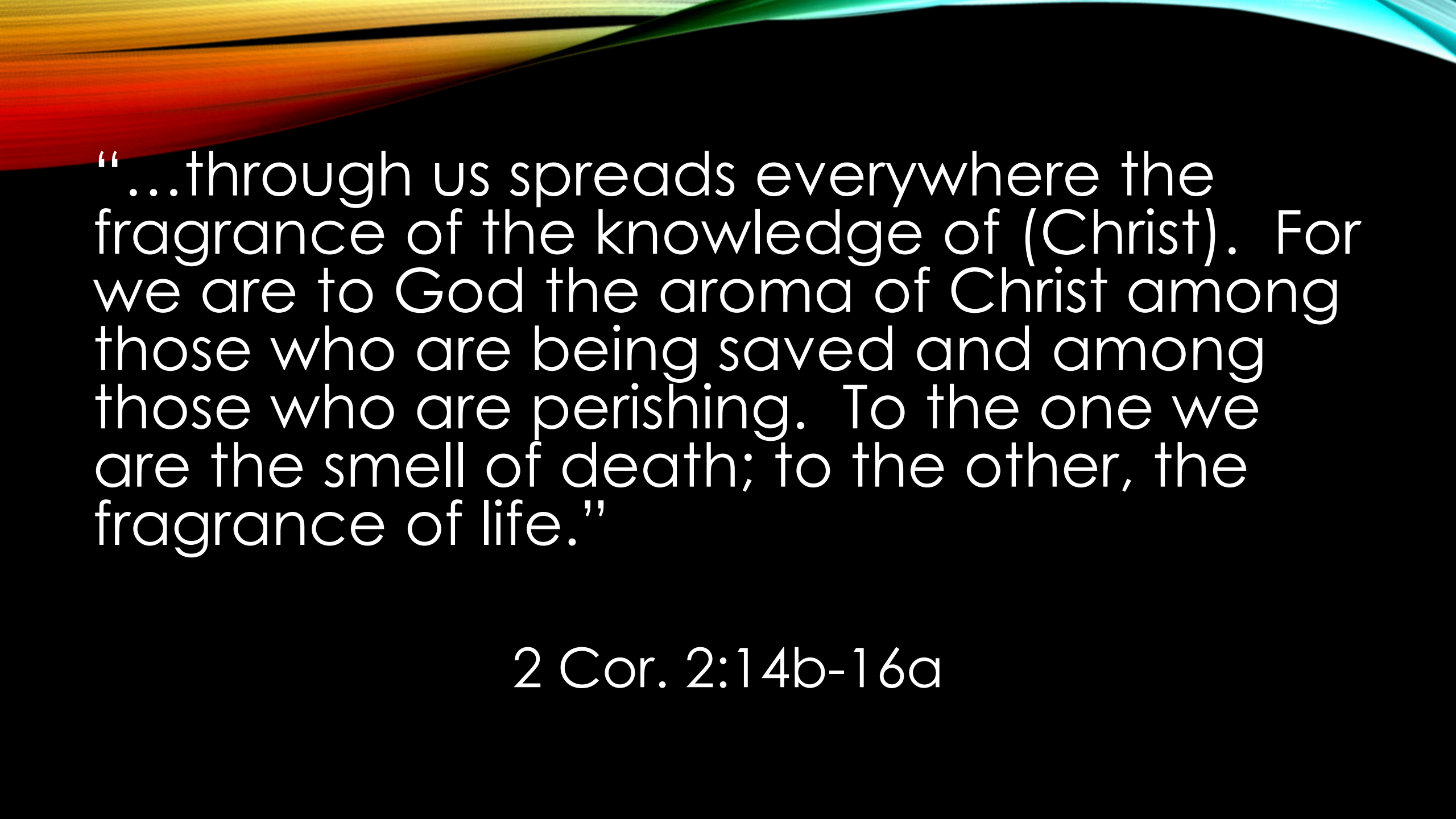
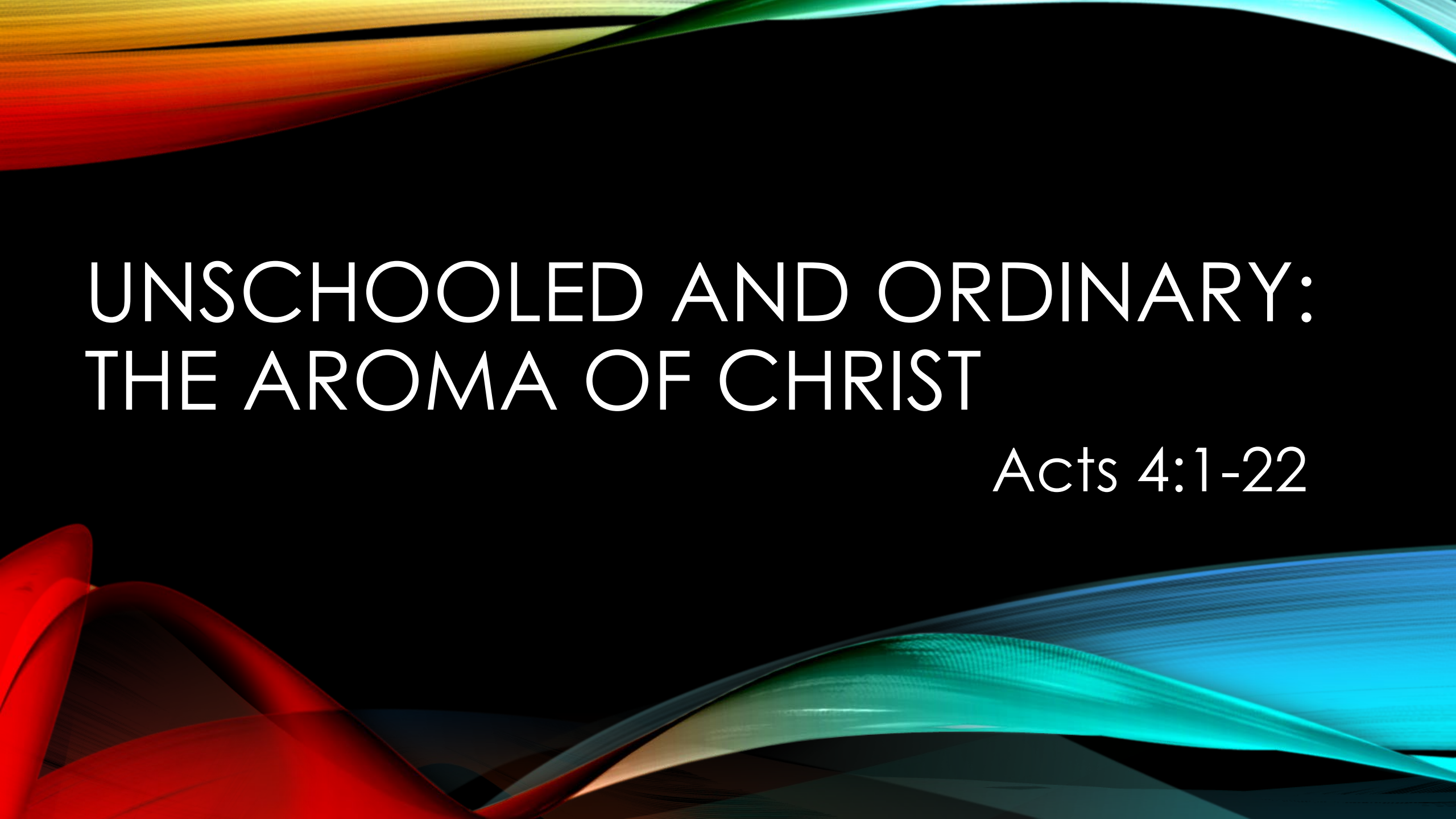




“...through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of (Christ). For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.”

2 Cor. 2:14b-16a



UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY: THE AROMA OF CHRIST

Acts 4:1-22

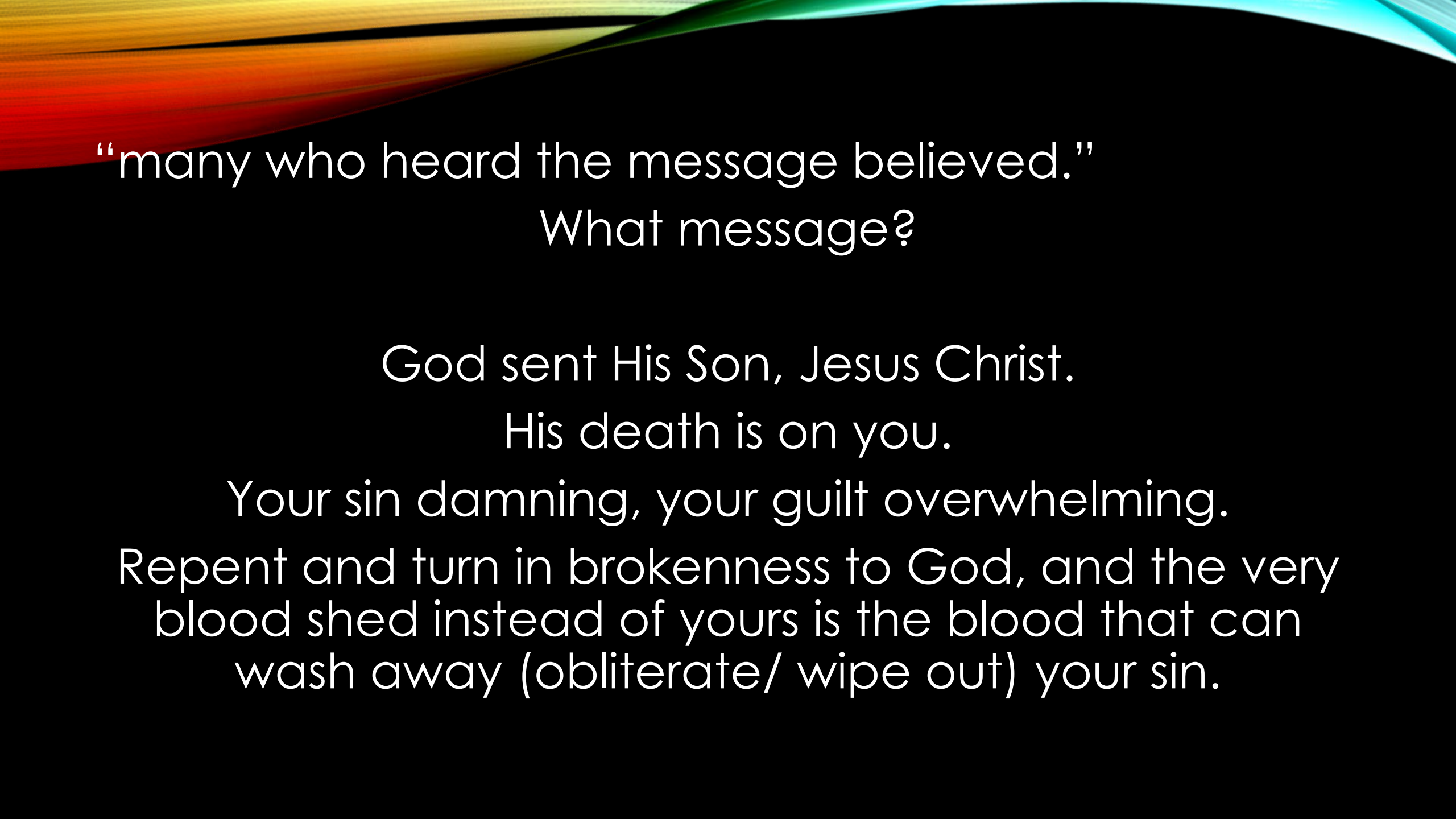


VSS. 1-4

The crime of Peter and John?

These unschooled and ordinary men **were teaching** the people and **proclaiming the resurrection of the dead**. This issue was and is enduring (See 1 Cor. 15)

Peter and John were detained, but not before a huge number of lost came to saving faith in Christ by placing the full weight of their faith in Jesus and His finished work on the Cross.



“many who heard the message believed.”

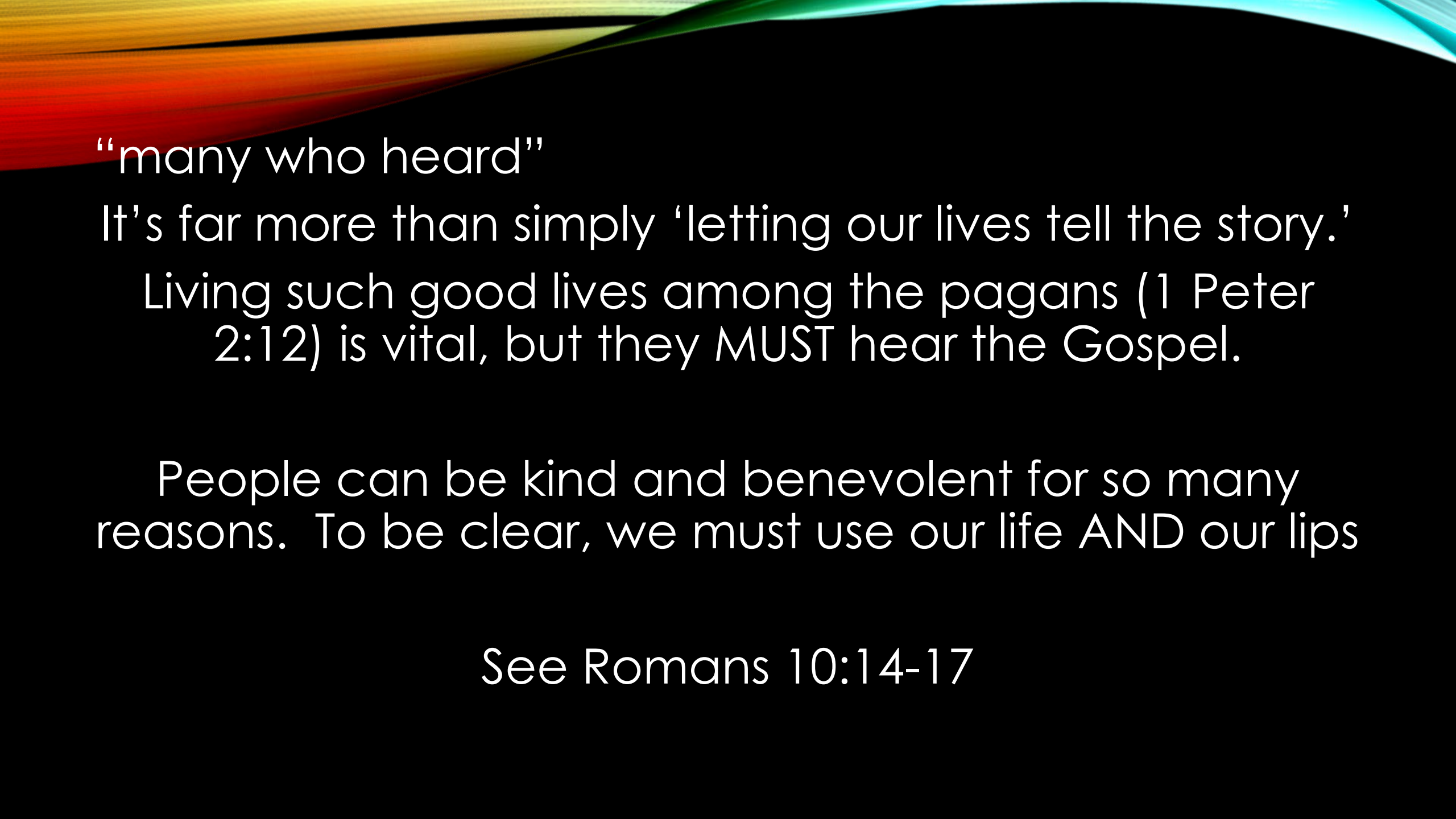
What message?

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ.

His death is on you.

Your sin damning, your guilt overwhelming.

Repent and turn in brokenness to God, and the very blood shed instead of yours is the blood that can wash away (obliterate/ wipe out) your sin.



“many who heard”

It's far more than simply 'letting our lives tell the story.'

Living such good lives among the pagans (1 Peter 2:12) is vital, but they *MUST* hear the Gospel.

People can be kind and benevolent for so many reasons. To be clear, we must use our life *AND* our lips

See Romans 10:14-17

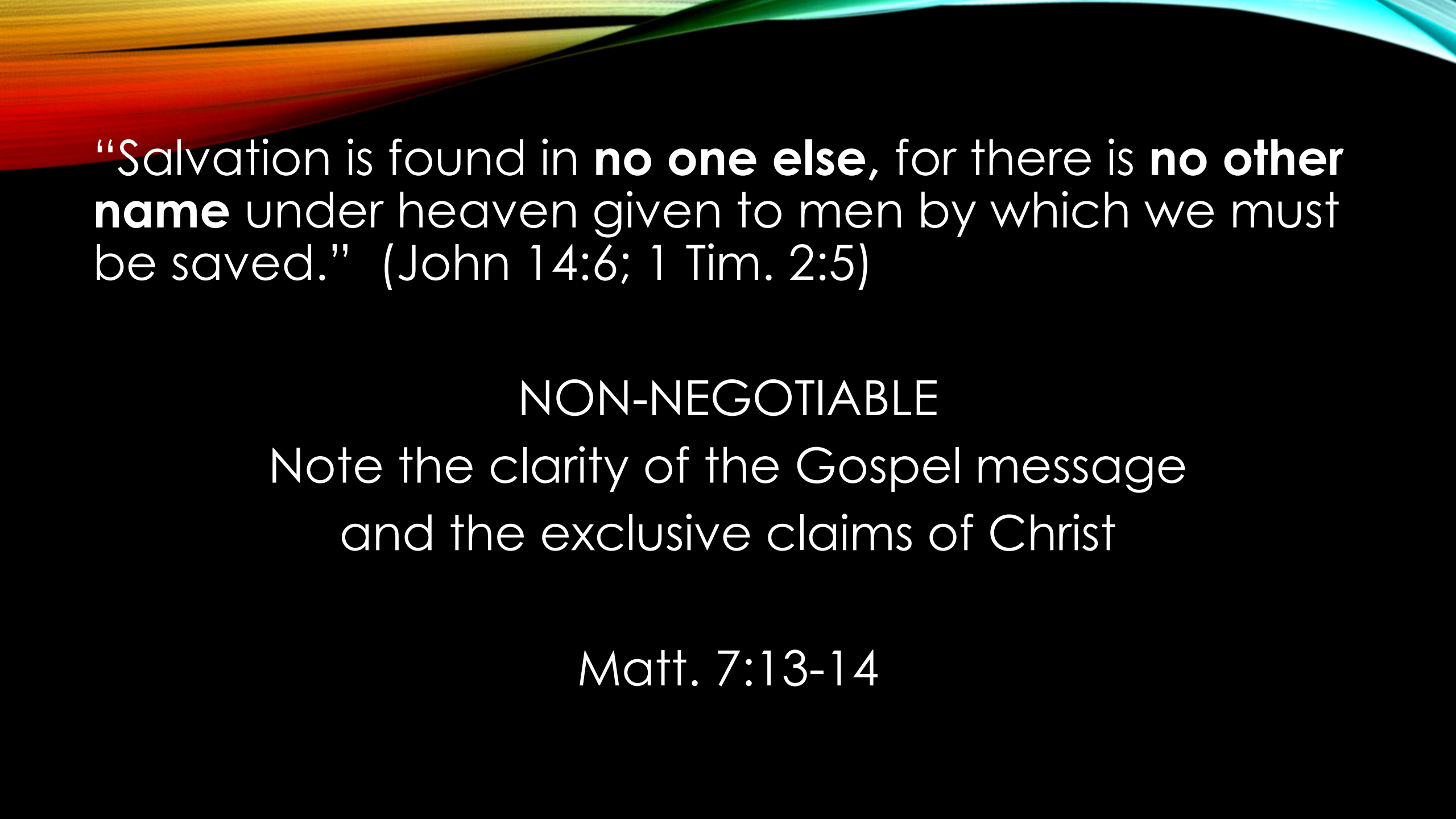


VSS. 5-12

This scene is reminiscent of Daniel when ordered not to pray (Dan. 6)

Peter and John, brought before the temple officials for teaching and preaching the resurrection, immediately began to teach/preach Jesus

“filled with” (controlled by) the Holy Spirit



“Salvation is found in **no one else**, for there is **no other name** under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5)

NON-NEGOTIABLE

Note the clarity of the Gospel message
and the exclusive claims of Christ

Matt. 7:13-14



VSS. 13-22

Vs. 13 “...these men had been with Jesus”

While witnessing the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit
they noted Jesus. The members of the Godhead
never undermine nor ‘one up’ one another

What are telltale signs of being with Jesus?
John 13:35; Gal. 5:22-23



Vs. 18 Peter and John ordered to shut up about Jesus

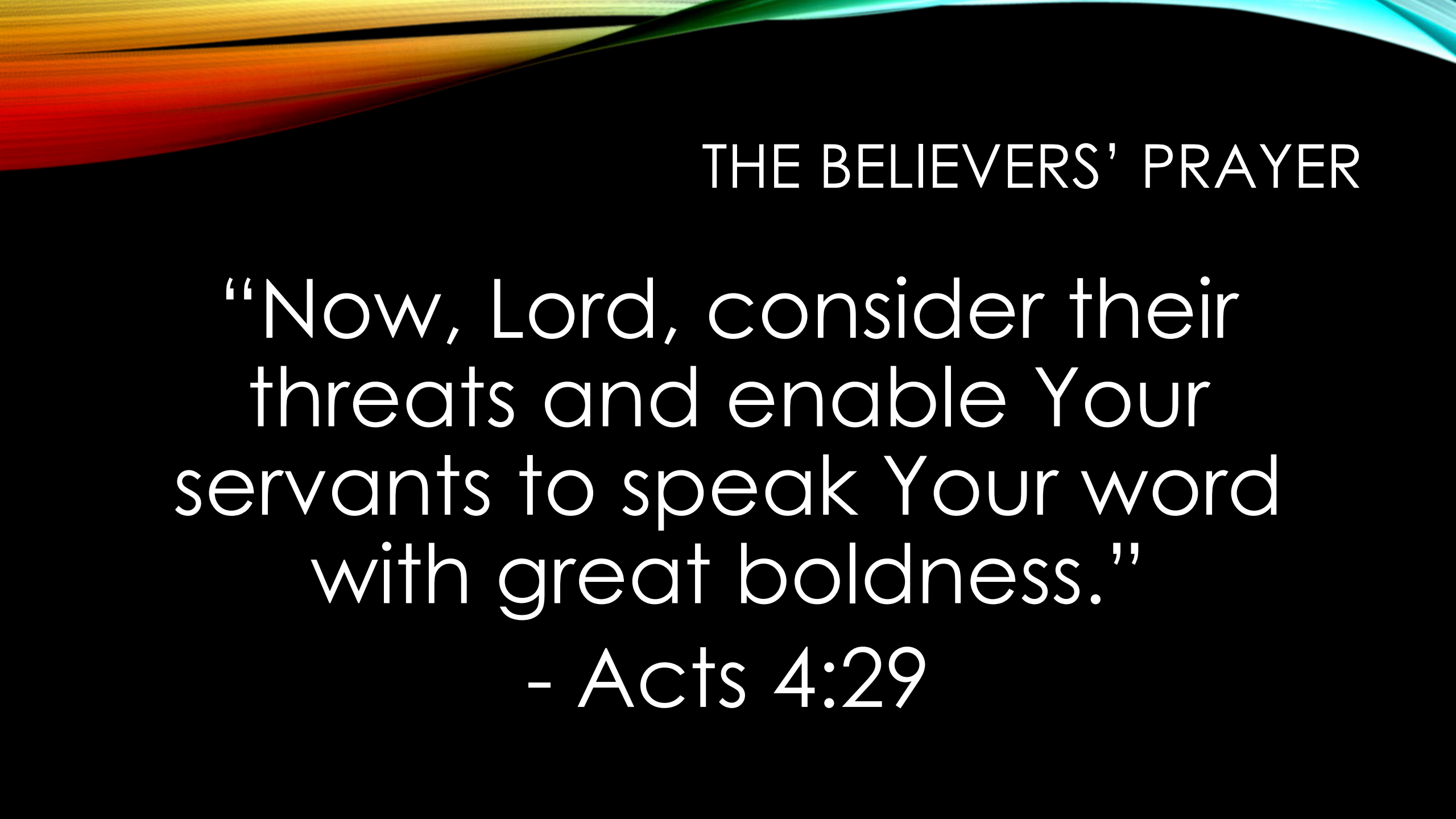
Vs. 19 Cue civil disobedience. An Acts 5:29 moment

“we cannot help but speak...”

What a cool problem for a Christ-follower!

Vs. 21 Threats, of course. (John 16:33)

If God brings you TO it, He'll see you THTHROUGH it



THE BELIEVERS' PRAYER

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness.”

- Acts 4:29