
Welcome
Family & Friends

The Apostles preach the Gospel – Part 4

(Study of the book “Acts of the Apostles” series)

In this lesson:

- We will examine what God required of these believers to be saved.
- We will learn what the results were of this first Gospel sermon.
- We will learn what happened to these first Christians following their conversion to Jesus.

Outline of Peter's Sermon

- The coming of the Holy Spirit was prophesied and realized on the Day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:16 – 21)
- The coming of the Christ was prophesied and realized in Jesus. (Acts 2:22 – 28)
- You crucified Jesus, the Christ, who is the Lord and Savior. (Acts 2:29 – 36)

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:37 (ESV)

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 2:38 – 39 (ESV)

There two
acts of faith
commanded
of them:

- Repent

28 *“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.*

Matthew 21:28 – 32 (ESV)

30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Acts 17:30 – 31 (ESV)

There two
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of them:

- Repent
- To be immersed into Jesus Christ

Baptism is a
burial in water.

- Baptism (baptizo) in the Greek literally means “to immerse, submerge; to make whelmed (i.e. fully wet).
- Colossians 2:12 (ESV) (*12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*)

There two
acts of faith
commanded
of them:

- Repent
- To be immersed into Jesus Christ
- It is only after completing these commands that their sin is washed away!
- After obeying the Gospel plan (death, burial, & resurrection), one receives the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What is the
gift of the
Holy Spirit?

- Context is important.
- Acts 2:38 – 39 (ESV) (38 *And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”)*)
- Genesis 12:1 – 3 (ESV) (1 *Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”)*)

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

Acts 2:40 (ESV)

10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

Romans 3:10 – 11 (ESV)

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
Romans 3:23 (ESV)

5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:5 (ESV)

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:41 (ESV)

The Established Church

(Acts 2:42 – 47)

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

What did the early church immediately begin doing?

- “devoted themselves”
- “the apostles’ teaching”
- “the fellowship”
- “to the breaking of bread”
- “the prayers”

43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Acts 2:43 (ESV)

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:44 – 45 (ESV)

46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

Acts 2:46 (ESV)

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47 (ESV)

Three take aways from verse 47:

- Choosing God over sin will natural set Christians apart from the world!
- People are more open to respond to the Gospel when they see Christians living out what they preach!
- God adds the saved to the church, not man!

In our next study on the book
of Acts, we will be examining
chapter 3.