

EASTER

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Response & Proclamation: God's Salvation to the World

Acts 2:37-41

Review: Acts 2 So Far

Acts 2:2-13: Spirit-filled disciples produce astonishment in Jerusalem

Acts 2:14-31: Peter's Spirit-filled sermon proclaims Jesus as Christ

Acts 2:32-36: The outpoured Spirit is the result and evidence of Christ's enthronement

Our Response TO Jesus Results in God's Forgiveness and Personal Presence (vv. 37-38)

Acts 2:37 *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?" 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.*

Ephesians 1:13 *In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*

Our Mission FOR Jesus is Reiterate God's Offer of Forgiveness & Relationship (vv. 39-40)

Acts 2:39 *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." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."*

Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Our Hope BECAUSE of Jesus is Eternal Life! (v. 41)

Acts 2:41 *So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

Acts 2:47 *And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Reflect, Discuss, Apply

1) Recall how you were “added to their number...those who were being saved”. Thank God that you now participate in the Spirit-empowered message “forgiven ones” who offer hope and eternal life through King Jesus.

2) It has been said: “You cannot impart what you do not possess”.

Review Acts 22:14-41

How would you summarize the key elements of Peter’s message? Familiarize yourself with your summary by sharing with a friend.

3) Peter’s Spirit-empowered proclamation connected the crowd’s firsthand knowledge of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit demonstrated by the disciples, the prophetic utterances of David concerning his descendent. What parallels to this exist for us in our modern-day Gospel proclamation? How does Acts 2:47 encourage you as you share?

Notes:

SONGS

“Nothing But The Blood”

“Christ The Lord Has Risen Today”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Jesus Paid It All”

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$36,442.61

Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$322,442.61

YTD General Need: \$383,220

Altamont Expansion Fund (3/13): \$140,667.98

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