

**RESPONSE TO
PETER'S PREACHING.**

Acts 2:37-41;

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**Brief review of chapter 2 so far!
The promise fulfilled.**

2:1-13; Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with other languages.

2:14-36; The Holy Spirit (through Peter) convicts the crowd of sin, righteousness and judgment.

2:14-21; Inspired interpretation of these events.

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The promise fulfilled.

**2:22-24; Jesus:- Approved by God;
Killed by Jews;
Raised by the Father.**

. 2:25-32; Jesus:- The Proof from Prophecy.

2:33-36; Jesus: Exalted and Enthroned.

Review of Peter's Sermon 2:22-36;

No-one argued with Peter.

no-one contradicted Peter.

or denied the truth of what he said.

Because the presence of the Spirit of God was so obvious that there could be no denial.

**For that reason,
they were prepared to listen quietly
to what he had to say.**

Review of Peter's Sermon 2:22-36;

And then, that powerful argument:-

22. “**Jesus performed miracles** - a fact which cannot be denied, because they were performed in your presence, **as you yourselves also know.**”

23. “He was crucified - **you handed him over** to men outside of the Jewish Law, 'lawless men',” - **Romans. A fact!**

24. “But **God** has **raised Him** from the dead.” **A fact!**

Review of Peter's Sermon 2:22-36;

Furthermore, DAVID had testified that this would happen.

The outpouring of the Spirit PROVED that it had happened, because "HE had shed forth this, which they now saw and heard."

The apostles were WITNESSES that it had happened.

Review of Peter's Sermon 2:22-36;

Therefore, the **GIFT of the ability to speak in other languages** must be seen as **divine endorsement** that **THEY** had been **chosen** to be **His ambassadors;**

Divinely authorized to present **JESUS of NAZARETH** as the **Messiah**, in fulfillment of the scriptures.

Then there follows a **final** assertion.

"Therefore, let all the house of Israel know with certainty, that God has made that same Jesus whom YOU crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Proofs that the Kingdom Had Begun 2:1-36;

The Holy Spirit had come with power.

(cf. Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8;)

Jesus is on God's right hand.

(2:33-34; cf. Psalm 110:1-4;)

Jesus is on David's throne. (v30;)

Jesus would be King when He is priest.

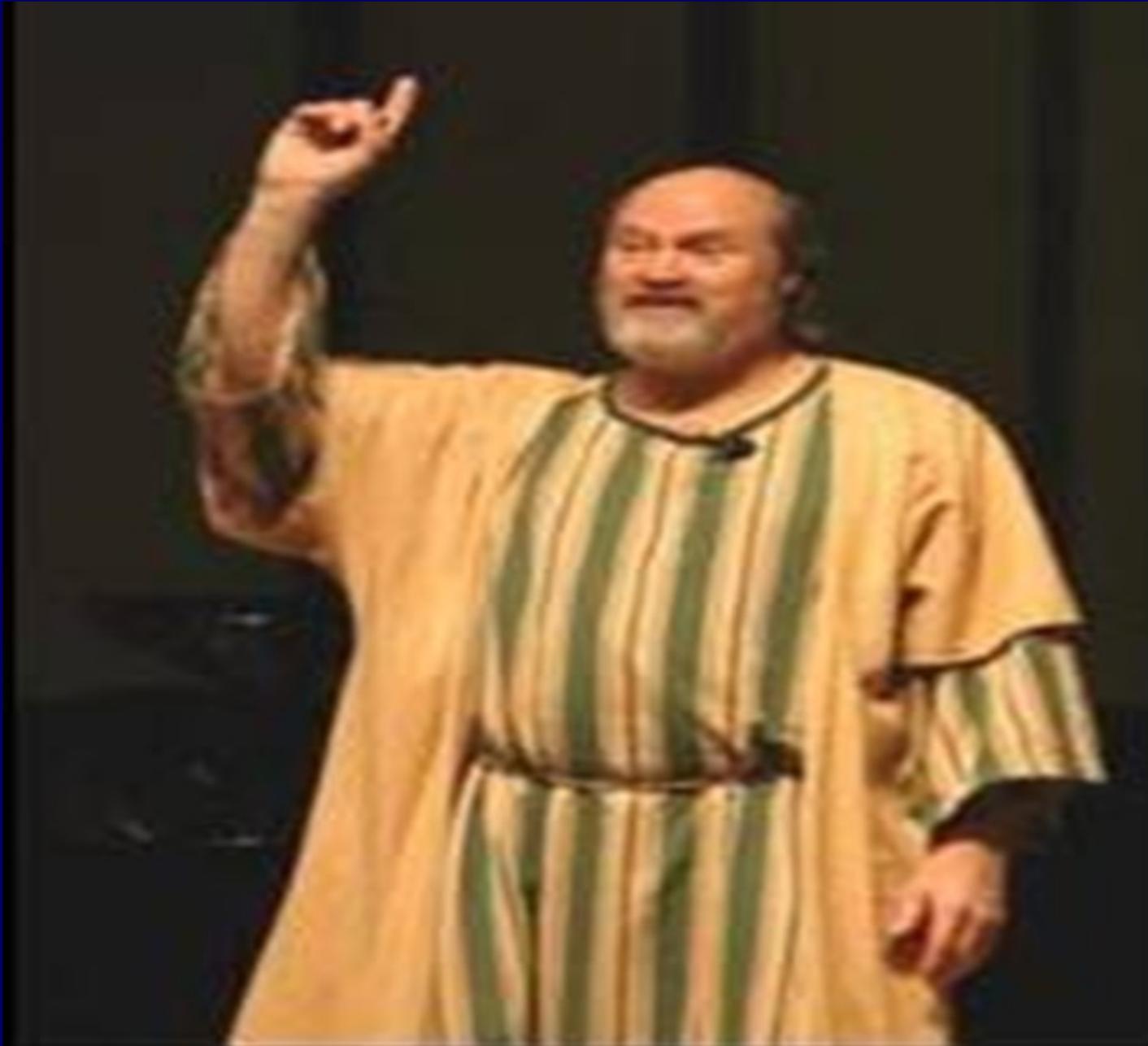
(Psalm 110;)

See also Col 1:13; Rev 1:9;

**Peter is using the Keys 2:14-41;
PETER HAVING ESTABLISHED
THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS
AND PROCLAIMING THE RISEN CHRIST
IS USING:-**

**THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM
as promised by Jesus. Matt 16:18-19;
AND OPENING THE DOOR
TO TIME AND ETERNITY
FOR THEM AND US.**

Peter is using the Keys 2:14-41;



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In a preaching class you are given three basic rules of preaching: **Stand up, speak up,** and then when you are done, **shut up.**
Peter never got to the "shut up."

He never got the chance to finish his message.
He was interrupted by the crowd.
The reason for this interruption
Is because **they were pierced to the heart.**

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-39;

RESPONSE OF SOME IN THE CROWD and INSPIRED CONDITIONS OF PARDON.

It was impossible for the people who were listening, to avoid **the logic** of the **evidence**, or **the force** of **his argument**, and they were **cut to the heart**, **convicted of its truth**.

It is impossible for us to be saved from sin until we realise we are sinners and therefore NEED a Saviour.

Just as if we don't see that something is broken we will not take the necessary steps to mend it.

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-39;

Here we see **the response** of those in the audience who had honest and good hearts.

Notice carefully **their response** was **based upon** what they "**HEARD,**" i.e. **The inspired words SPOKEN** by Peter.

These people obviously **BELIEVED** those inspired words spoken by Peter concerning **Jesus.**

Remember, Peter had told the audience:

They were guilty of crucifying Jesus, the Messiah.

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

**Now when they Heard this,
What had they heard?**

**They had heard Peter Use the Keys!
They had heard Peter proclaim the gospel!
The same gospel Paul will later proclaim!**

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

“I want to **make quite clear** to you, brothers,
what the message of the gospel
that I preached to you is;
you accepted it and took your stand on it.”

“And **you are saved by it, if you keep**
to the message I preached to you;
Otherwise **your coming to believe was in vain.**”

I passed on to you right from the first what had been
told to me, what I also had received, that Christ died
for our sins just as the Scriptures said He would.

“that **He appeared to Peter; and later to the Twelve;**”
1 Cor 15:1-4;

This was the gospel message that the apostles had been commanded to proclaim.

“Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.” Matt 28:18-20;

“And He said to them, Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16-17;

“He said to them, “So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. Luke 24:46-48;

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-39;

**Not only was Jesus alive,
He was ruling as the Lord and the Christ
at the Father's right hand.**

**In that position, Jesus had all power and authority.
Those inspired words "cut to the hearts"
of those in the audience!**

**The Old Testament prophet Zechariah
had foretold of a day when the Spirit of God
would be poured out upon Jerusalem
And the result would be
one of mourning and weeping.**



People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37;

"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born." (Zechariah 12:10;)

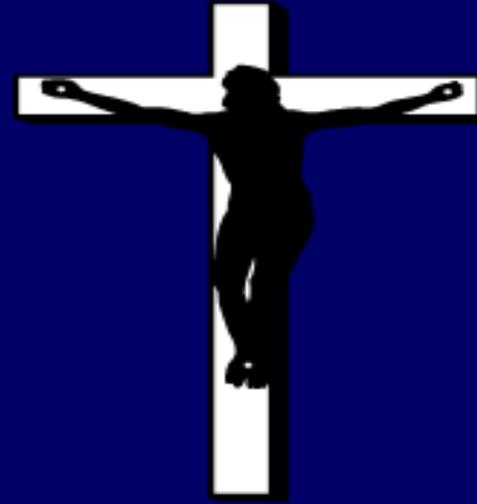
Notice the double piercing.

The Jews in Peter's day were pierced to the heart.

Why? Because they realized the identity of the **One whom they had pierced.**

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

They were **cut**, that is, they were **pierced**,
and they were **stabbed**.



This is **the meaning** in the Greek.
The Greek word “**katanusso**”
is used metaphorically to mean
“**to pain the mind sharply.**”

That’s exactly what **Peter** did, with this
message he was bringing **pain** unto them
by showing that they killed the Messiah.

“Therefore I said to you that **you will die in your
sins**; for if you do not believe that I am He,
you will die in your sins.” **John 8:24;**

**People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37;
Pain. Luke 2:35; – Mary.**

**“Yes, and a sword shall pierce through
your own soul also, that the thoughts
out of many hearts may be revealed.”**

Spiritual Surgery. Hebrews 4:12;

**For God's message is alive and full of power
in action, sharper than any double-edged sword,
piercing even to the depths of soul and spirit, to the
dividing of joints and marrow, and passing judgment
on the thoughts and purposes of the heart.**

Conviction. John 16:8-11;

**“When He comes, He will convince
the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness,
and of the coming judgment.”**

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-39;

“If Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the appointed Messiah, then no guilt could be greater than of treating Him as He had been treated. They had refused Him in whom all their hope of salvation rested; what hope of salvation was left to them now? **F. F. BRUCE. (75)**

Peter had **pierced the hearts** of the audience by **using the sword of the Spirit, the word of God,** which is **sharper** than any two-edged sword.

Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12;

With that **powerful sword,** he had motivated them to **create in their hearts deep grief, severe pain,** and **genuine sorrow for their sins.**

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37;

Before we leave this verse. Many people today say that **the Holy Spirit works directly on people's minds**, without using any instrument or agent.

Yet **Peter** says “**when they heard this, they were cut to the heart.**” “**When they heard the message, they were cut to the heart.**”

Does Holy Spirit work directly on people's minds?
This is often expressed by people saying **the Holy Spirit led them to do, or to say one thing or another.**

It is at least **implied**, and usually meant, that **the Holy Spirit led this person by working directly on their minds.**

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This attitude is **also seen in the belief that man is so totally sinful it is NOT POSSIBLE for a person to have faith UNLESS the Holy Spirit directly and miraculously works on their mind.**

We must **clearly define what the issue is** because we don't want to be misunderstood.

The issue is NOT whether the Holy Spirit guides, leads, or produces faith in people.

Rather, the issue is HOW does the Holy Spirit guide, lead, and produce faith in people!

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

The Bible Teaches that the Holy Spirit guides and leads people.

Rom 8:14; “For all who are guided by God's Spirit are God's sons.”

Gal 5:18;

“When you are guided by the Holy Spirit you need no longer force yourself to obey Jewish laws.”

He certainly led people to Jesus the Christ in Acts chapter 2; through Peter's preaching And He produces faith in people, AS He did in this case by what they heard.

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

“who was **delivered up** because of our sins,”
Judas also **betrayed Him** or **delivered Him up**,
the **Greek** being **identical** for the two expressions.
(Mk 3:19; Luke 22:3; John 6:71; 13:2, 21-26;)

Judas delivered Him over to death.
Jesus the Christ gave Himself.
(Gal 1:4; 2:20; Eph 5:2;)

Why did Jesus have to die?

It was **only through His blood** that **God** could
give us the opportunity to be saved from our sins.

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

“was raised [has been, raised]”

The great power of the righteous God is seen in the resurrection of Christ.

Not only did the resurrection of Christ confirm and demonstrate who He was and the adequacy of His sacrifice but it enabled Him to become mediator and intercessor for us.

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

(Heb 7:25; Heb 8:6; 9:14-15, 24; 12:24;)

Rom 4:25; “because we believe in him who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus **who was handed over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.**”

Raised to Life for Our Justification!

How did the resurrection of Jesus secure our justification?

“and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. **To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood. Rev 1:5;**

1 Peter 3:21; “**Baptism now saves you – not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience – through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**”

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Justification is conditional, "to us who believe."
possibly because Jesus our Lord was put to death for our sins Rom 5:6; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:24;.

Justification does not overlook sin, it is based upon the fact that full payment has been made for sin, hence the idea of earning salvation is entirely stupid.

The Lord "was raised for our justification." "FOR" in both cases is DIA "because of" or "on account of."

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Just as with Abraham, the ground upon which the restored relationship rests for any man is God's gracious initiative.

As with Abraham, righteousness is reckoned through faith. It is a faith that takes God at His Word, nothing doubting.

This faith appropriates grace on the Lord's terms, believing that He will keep His promises.

Those among us who think they have "rediscovered" God's grace need Paul's message.

Grace is the basis of man's salvation.

It deserves due consideration lest we come to a perverted understanding.

We must not fall victim to the **legalistic arrogance** which overwhelmed the Judaizer's of Paul's day.

Yet we **must not flee** to the land of Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Swindoll, and Shelly.

Paul must not be arrayed against **James** and other Biblical authors. Neither must he be arrayed against himself! **He never taught a faith-only, do-nothing Christianity (Rom 2:5-11;) All truth is consistent with itself.**

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-39;

Peter had **pierced the hearts** of the audience by using the sword of the Spirit, **the word of God**, which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Eph 6:17; Heb 4:12;

With that **powerful word**, he had **motivated them to create in their hearts** deep grief, severe pain, and genuine sorrow for their sins.

Many today would IMPLY that God was wrong in using Peter because if the **Holy Spirit works directly** on the hearts of men. **Then teaching and preaching were unnecessary**
No PERSON is required.

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-39;

YET here in Acts 2 and also in every instance in the book of Acts. (Some might argue about Paul which we will discuss later.)

The Holy Spirit works through human beings to bring the message of Salvation to people.

Teaching and preaching WAS necessary.

PEOPLE WERE REQUIRED

JUST as Jesus had Commanded.

Matt 28:18-19; Mark 16:15-16;

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37;

SUMMARY so FAR.

They **believed** the inspired words Peter preached **concerning Jesus the Christ.**

And they had **deep grief** and terrible pain in their hearts **because of their sins.**

As a result of sorrow for their sins, they asked **Peter and the other apostles** the **question of the ages.**

They asked
what should THEY do?

Rom 4:18; “When there was no hope, Abraham believed with hope that he would become an ancestor of many nations, just as God said:-
“Your descendants will be like this.”

BIBLICAL FAITH IS:-

**Willingness to act, based on God’s truth,
with complete dependence on Him
to perform it for you**

**Our Salvation cannot be earned
by anything we can do.**

**We need to TRUST in the promises
of God and truly believe that through
the blood of Christ He CAN forgive us.**

True Faith/Belief is active NOT passive.

Rom 4:18; “When there was no hope, Abraham believed with hope that he would become an ancestor of many nations, just as God said:-
“Your descendants will be like this.”

“Against All Hope”

Abraham had no logical reason to believe that he and Sarah could have a son at their age.
But God had said it.

Abraham’s faith was such that he would believe anything God told him.

If we will not quibble with God but simply do whatever He asks us to do, then Abraham will truly be our father in the faith.

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

**According to many on the God channel
and the internet today:-**

Peter should have responded to their **question** by saying **Do?** there is **NOTHING** you **CAN DO!** God has done it all!

If a person is saved by **just believing in their heart** then these people are saved.

They obviously believed Peter’s message because they had been cut to the heart by the message.

The word **believe** is not found in **Acts 2:38;**

Often we are told by those on the God channel or the internet that we are to be saved by faith alone.

One of the greatest exponents of Faith alone in our age was Dr R C Sproul a Presbyterian theologian.

Dr Sproul wrote a booklet called “How can I be right with God.” On Page 52 He quotes Acts 2:38-39; we read:-

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.

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.” (vv. 36–39)

Dr R C Sproul.

“Five thousand people or so were added to the church on that day, and we are told that when Peter gave this message, the response of the people was one of acute awareness of guilt.”

“**“What shall we do?”** they asked. Maybe you’ve experienced that excruciating stabbing of the conscience.”

“Peter answered the question saying, **“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”**”

**“Do you see the sequence?
Repentance, then remission.”**

Dr R C Sproul.

“It’s as true today as it was then: the essence of justification, **the only relief for those who are burdened by the reality of guilt, is the remission of sins.**”

“and that **remission is available, and will be received instantly to all who genuinely repent.**”

End of quote.

There are least **two problems** with what **Dr Sproul** has **said** that I want to highlight.

If you are saved by faith alone.
(most faith alone people say you are saved
at the moment you believe.)

Then you must already have received
the forgiveness of sins because you cannot
be saved with out having your sins forgiven.

Why would you **also** have to **repent**
to receive the forgiveness of your sins?

Remember the quote:-

“and that remission is available, and will be
Received Instantly to all who genuinely repent.”

Also in Dr Sproul's quote he says:-

**“Do you see the sequence?
Repentance, then remission.”**

**That is not what Peter said!
see the real sequence:-**

**“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name
of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”**

**Of course baptism is anathema
to anyone who believes in faith alone
so they have to air brush it out to make their theology fit.**

**Yet Dr Sproul in his book having said we are saved
by faith alone also has included repentance as a
requirement. Which is a contradiction of faith alone.**

Dr Sproul has emphasised that it is only after repentance that remission or forgiveness of sins is achieved

But Peter says it is after “repentance and baptism that remission or forgiveness of sins is achieved

This agrees with what Jesus said Mark 16:16; “Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Notice Jesus did NOT say:- “Whoever believes and is saved will be baptised.”

HOW TO BE SAVED ACCORDING TO Billy Graham!

Extract from Billy Graham's web site and his Steps to Peace with God.

How to receive Christ?:

Admit your need! (I am a sinner)

Be willing to turn from your sins (repent)

**Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross
and rose from the grave.**

**Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in
and control your life through the Holy Spirit.
(Receive Him as Lord and Saviour.)**

Suggested prayer: Dear Lord Jesus,
I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness.
I believe that You died for my sins.
I want to turn from my sins.

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Suggested prayer continued:

I now invite You to come into my heart and life.

I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Saviour.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Signature _____

Date _____

If you prayed this prayer, the Bible says...

"For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord
will be saved." Romans 10:13;

Billy Graham believes:

Prayer + Ask = Saved!

Dr Sproul in His books regarding salvation makes a lot of references to the church fathers!

Especially Augustine, Luther and Calvin

**This is where he get his message of salvation
by Grace alone Through Christ alone
By Faith alone**

**Billy Graham's message of salvation
came out of the same roots as Dr Sproul's**

**They are both following mans message
rather that what the scriptures say
The scriptures never mention
anything that saves us alone.**

**When you examine what the scriptures say?
and compare it to what these men say?**

We see a different message!

We see a different response to the gospel of Christ

**What does the scriptures really say about
Our response to the Message of God's Grace?**

**How does what we believe compare with
the teaching and commands of Jesus?**

**How does Dr Sprouls message?
and Dr Billy Graham's message?**

And what we believe?

**Compare when set against the Holy Spirit's
Conversion examples in the historical book of Acts?**

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

The question shows **these individuals KNEW** they were guilty of sin.

The question shows they wanted to **KNOW** what **THEY** needed **TO DO** to receive forgiveness of those sins.

In other words, they were asking, “What shall we do to be saved from our sins?” (Acts 16:30;)

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37;

Acts 16:30; “And brought them out, and said,
Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?**”

They told him, “**Become a believer in the Lord Jesus,**
and **you will be saved,** and your household too.”

“**Then they shared**
the **word of the Lord with him**
and all who lived in his household.”

“And having taken them in **that same**
hour of the night, he bathed their lashes,
and **was instantly immersed,**
he and all his household.”

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Peter said repent [metanoEsate]

Turn from sin, return to God.

**These are six English words
to translate the one Greek word.**

**To repent is to change one’s way completely,
stop doing what you’re doing
and turn to give your life back to God.**

**It is a turning away from sin
and turning towards God.**

It is a change of mind, a forsaking of sin.

**It is putting sin out of one’s thoughts and behaviour.
Resolving never to think or to do such a thing again.**

Matt 3:2; 4:17; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; 8:22; 17:30; 20:21;

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

This change is a turning away from lying, stealing, cheating, immorality, cursing, drunkenness, and many other so called glaring sin of the flesh. Gal 5:13-24;

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13:3;

**“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”
2 Cor 7:10;**

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Repent is second person imperative, indicating a mandate for **ALL** to repent.

Paul emphasises this in Acts 17:30:

“But now, overlooking the times of ignorance, God is telling everyone everywhere that they must repent.”

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Many think that when they have repented and begin to have a different attitude and life style they are saved.

They fail to understand that Repentance deals with your future actions.

If you never sinned again from that day forth that would be excellent but you have not dealt with your PAST sins, you are still in a sin state.

Baptism which gives us access to the blood of Jesus, deals with our PAST sin.

Acts 2:37; “when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Peter tells them what God expects of them.

**What CHRIST COMMANDED
the Apostles to teach and preach
to people in the first century.**

**Is the same message that needs
to be taught to every generation since,
to all those who want to become Christians.**

Our sin has not changed.

Our Saviour has not changed.

**So why would we want to tamper
and change the message of salvation
and how we respond to that message today.**

Matt 18:19-20; Mark 16:15-16;

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be immersed every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”



The command is to absorb completely and accept totally the work, power, authority and person of Jesus the Messiah; Mt 28:19;

CHRIST COMMANDED. Matthew 28:19;

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

"Then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; be sure of this, that I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

CHRIST COMMANDED. Mark 16:15;

"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news (or gospel) to the whole creation."

"Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned."

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The response in Acts 2:37;
What must we do to be saved?

The response in Acts 9:6;
“Lord, what do You want me to do?”
Then the Lord said to him,
“Arise and go into the city,
and you will be told what you must do.”

Remember **Cornelius in Acts 10:33;**
we are all present before God, **to hear**
all the things commanded you by God.”

The response in Acts 16:30;
What must I do to be saved?

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**We know some teach today that there is
NOTHING YOU CAN DO.**

**They Say Salvation is a GIFT from GOD
You can only be saved by God’s GRACE ALONE.**

What must I do to be saved?

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**This IMPLIES that BELIEF is a work
not something that God DOES for you
but Belief is part of mans response to the Gospel.**

**“So faith comes from what is heard,
and what is heard comes through
the message about of Christ.” Rom 10:17;**

SAVE YOURSELVES? 2:40;

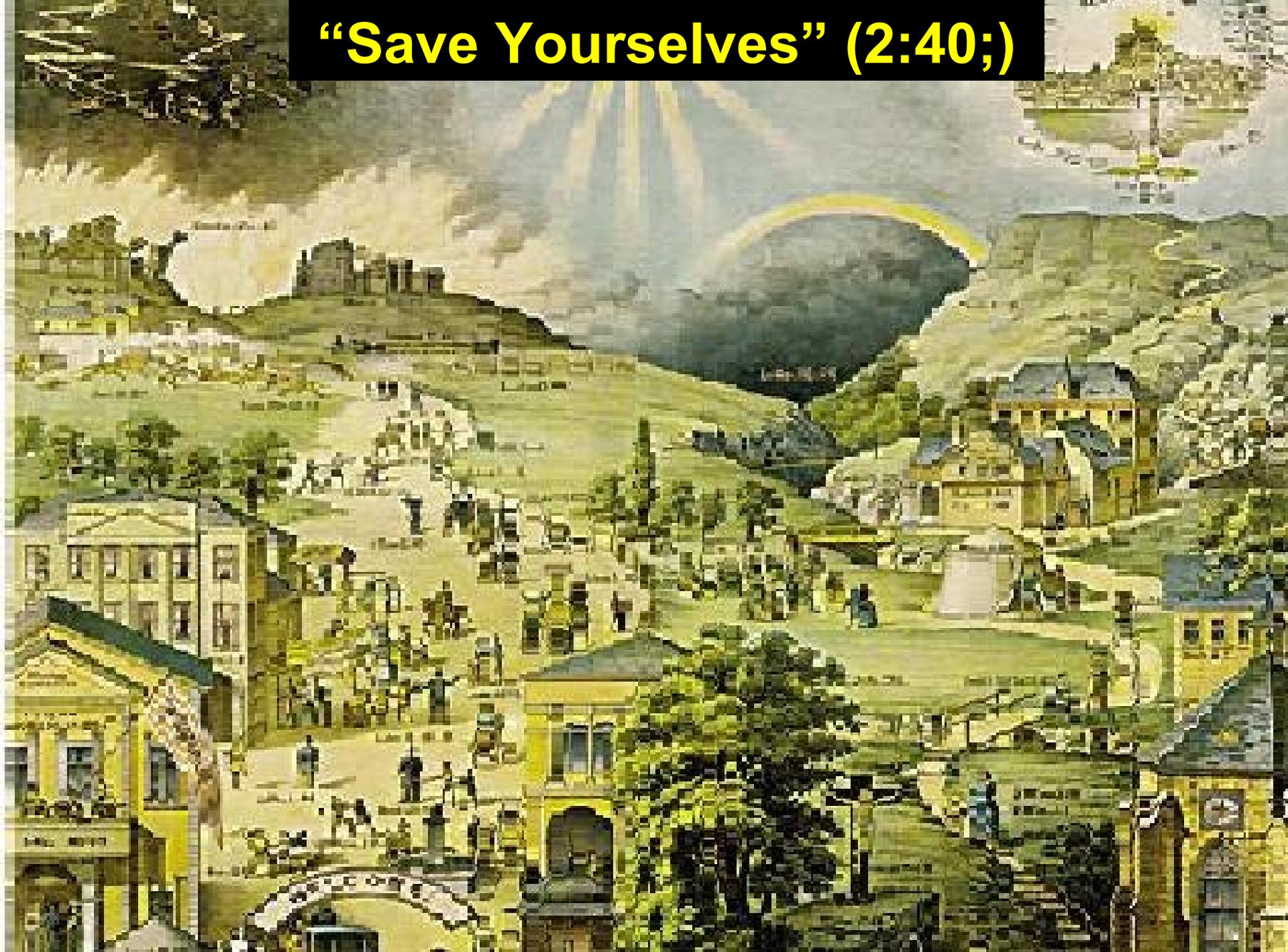
Then **Peter** continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "**Save yourselves from this generation that has gone astray!**"

Notice the listeners have not responded to the gospel message yet.

Peter continues to preach and tells
The listeners to save themselves

If they have already been **saved** by believing **WHY** does **Peter** then continue to tell them to **SAVE THEMSELVES.**

“Save Yourself” (2:40;)



SAVE YOURSELVES? 2:40;

**This is said after they had asked Peter
WHAT MUST WE DO.**

**This implies that despite believing the message
of Peter that Jesus was the Messiah,
The Christ that they had been waiting for,
The Christ that they have crucified.**

**They were still not Born again,
they were still not saved
by the blood of Jesus.**

**Remember that is in our act of obedience.
Our being buried with Christ that we contact
the blood and put on Christ. Gal 3:26-27;**

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Be **baptized (immersed)** is third person passive imperative, **thereby stressing individual responsibility to obey.**

To **submit to such apostolic proclamation,** which was a **command of Jesus,** shows that **Baptism is important; essential for salvation.**

These words can only be understood to mean, **for / with a view to / leading to,** **The remission (forgiveness) of our sins.**

See also Matt 26:28;

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:38; “for / leading to / forgiveness of sins.”

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Matt 26:28; “for / leading to / forgiveness of sins.”

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Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Some say that immersion is JUST an outward sign to show that you have been saved?

**Peter says Acts 2:38;
“it is for the forgiveness of your sins.”**

**Ananias says to Paul. Acts 22:16;
“And now why delay? Hurry and
be baptised and wash away your sins.”**

**Our immersion is where we contact
the blood of Jesus, (Rev 1:5;) and shows
that we are truly repenting and
willing to obey Jesus and live for God.**

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**Baptism and Repentance are both:-
Outward signs.**

Signs that have to do with behaviour.

**Signs that show the world that a person
is turning his life over to God.**

“Every one of you!”

**Everyone that has understanding,
Everyone that feels the guilt of killing Jesus,**

**Everyone who knows that Jesus
was the Messiah needs to be baptized
to have their sins washed away.**

SAVE YOURSELVES? 2:40-41;

It is only after Peter tells them
to **SAVE THEMSELVES**

That they obey the gospel by
Welcoming THE WORD and being baptised
as **Jesus had commanded in Mark 16:15-16;**

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We need to **read whole context** from **Acts 2:36-43;**

To **see the big picture** and that will help us

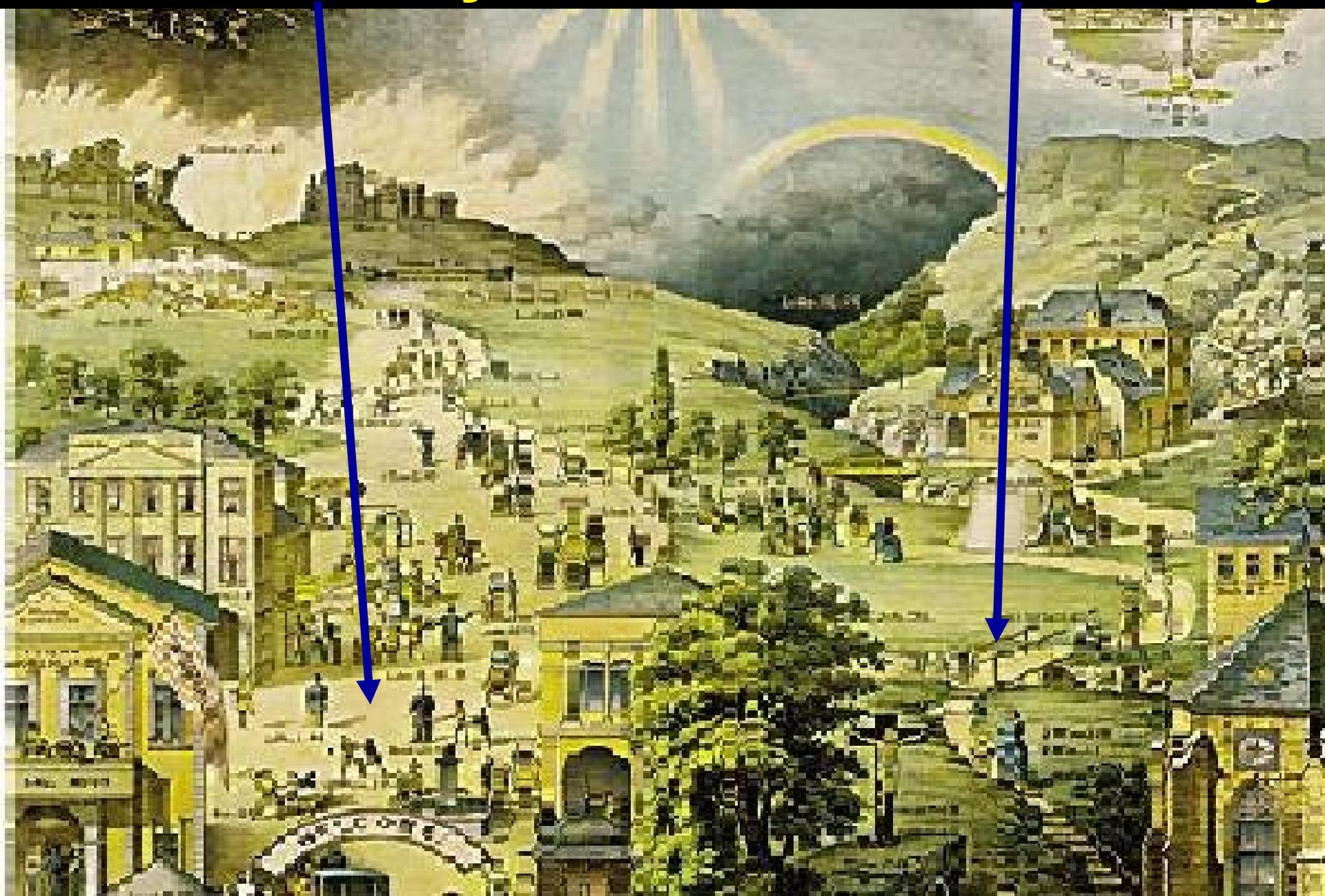
not to jump to the wrong conclusions

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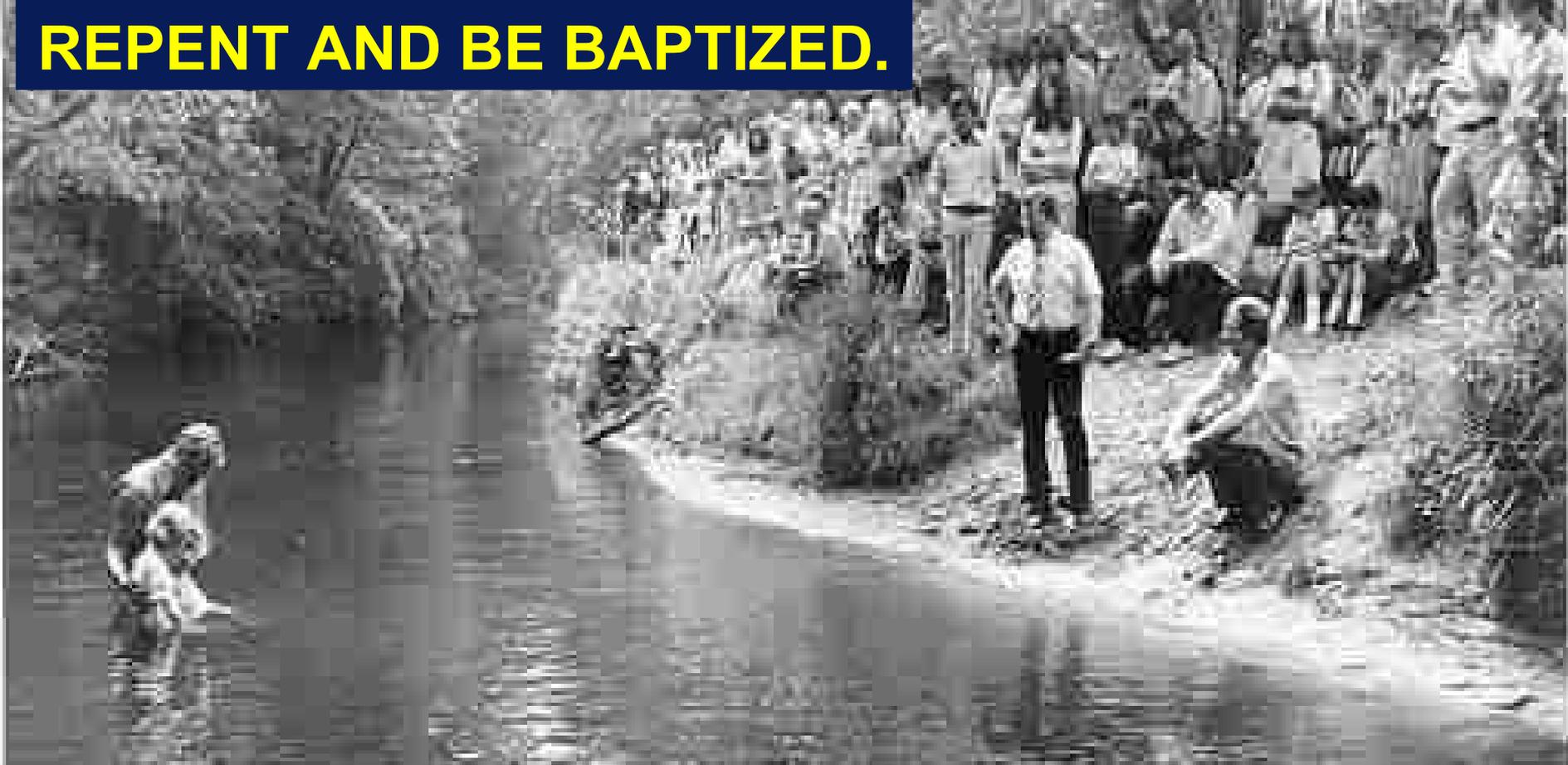
The Broad Way.

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The Narrow Way.



REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED.



**Those who cried out to Peter for help
ALL believed that Jesus was the Son of God.**

**Peter told these believers that they must repent and
be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. And
they would then receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-41;
This command was NOT something
TEMPORARY that belonged
to the beginning days of the church.**

**Jesus had told His disciples to make disciples in all
nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit. They were then
to teach those who were baptized to do the same.**

(2 Tim 2:2;)

**He said He would be with them to the end of time,
indicating that this order
was also to continue till then.**

(Matthew 28:18-20;)

Book of Acts	Sinner's Prayer	Heard	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptised
Pentecost	NO					
Five thousand	NO	Yes	Yes			
Philip	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
The Eunuch	NO	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Saul to Paul	NO	Yes				Yes
1st Gentiles	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Greeks	NO		Yes	Yes		
Proconsul	NO	Yes	Yes			
Jews/Greeks	NO	Yes	Yes			
Lydia	NO	Yes				Yes
Jailer	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Crispus	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Other People	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes
Paul's story	NO	Yes	Yes			Yes

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

That He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Gospel
1 Corinthians 15:3-

Jesus the Christ
Death, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man



Death



Resurrection

That He was buried.

People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:37-41;

**The baptism He commanded
was water baptism. (Immersion)**

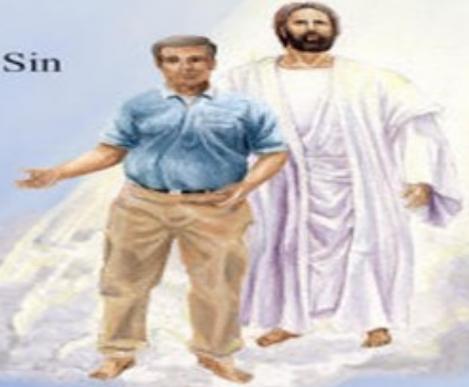
**Holy Spirit baptism
was never commanded
nor could it be administered by man.**

**Do you not Know,
that so many of us
as were baptized
into Jesus Christ
were baptized
into His death?**

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Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
ied in Water for the Remissions of Sin
e Raised to Walk in a New Life

**That like as Christ
was raised up
from the dead by
the glory of the Father;**



Dead to Sin

**So we also
should walk
in newness of life.**

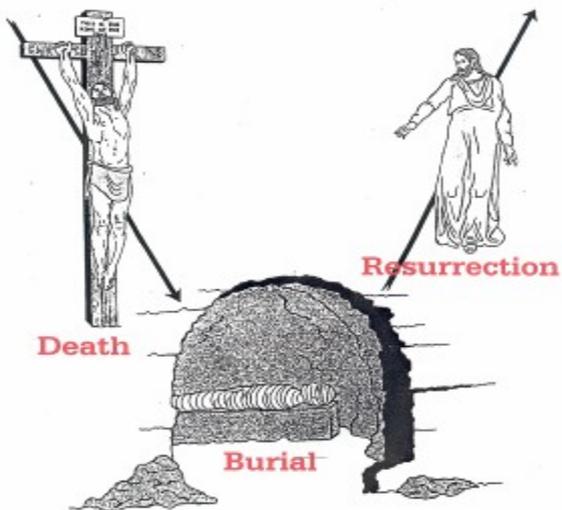
Resurrected
to a New Life

**Therefore we are
buried with Him by
baptism into death:**



The Gospel Enacted

1 Corinthians 15:3-4



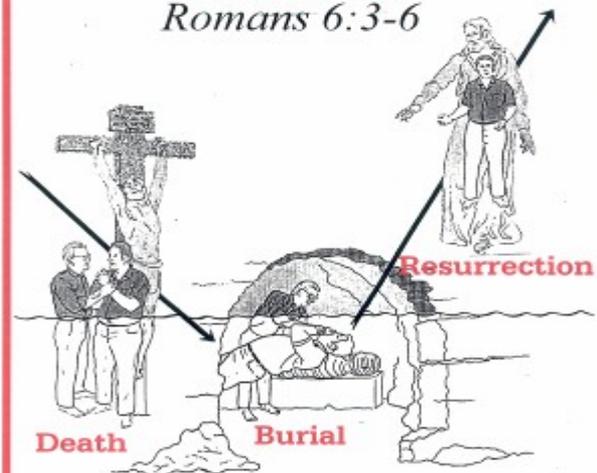
What Happens at the Point of Baptism?



Rom 6:3-4;

The Gospel Re-enacted In Baptism

Romans 6:3-6



We receive the forgiveness of sins. (Acts 2:38; 22:16;)

We are placed "in Christ." (1 Cor 12:13; Gal 3:27;)

We're associated with the death of Christ. (Col 2:12;)

We are raised to a new life. (2 Cor 5:17; Col 2:12;)

We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38;)

"Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Peter states **Baptism** gives the recipient access through the **blood of Christ** to:-

The forgiveness of sins.

The gift of the Holy Spirit.

**All are tied together! You cannot parcel it out!
It is all or nothing!**



There is nothing special in the water but as an act of obedience it is where we access the blood of Jesus.

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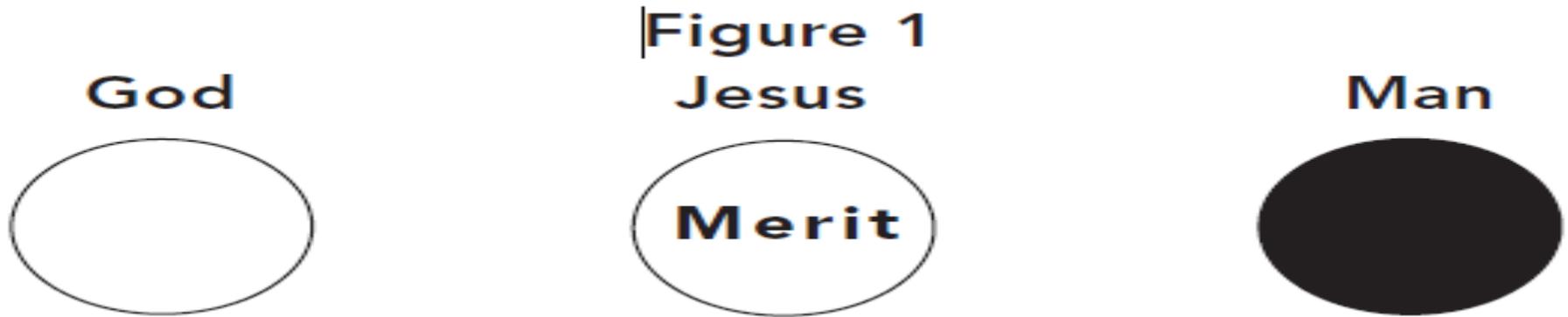
John the immerser heralded **Christ** when he saw Him: “**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**” (John 1:29;)
How does Jesus take away our sin?

When Christ went to the cross,
He was saying to the Father,
“Father, count their sins against Me.”

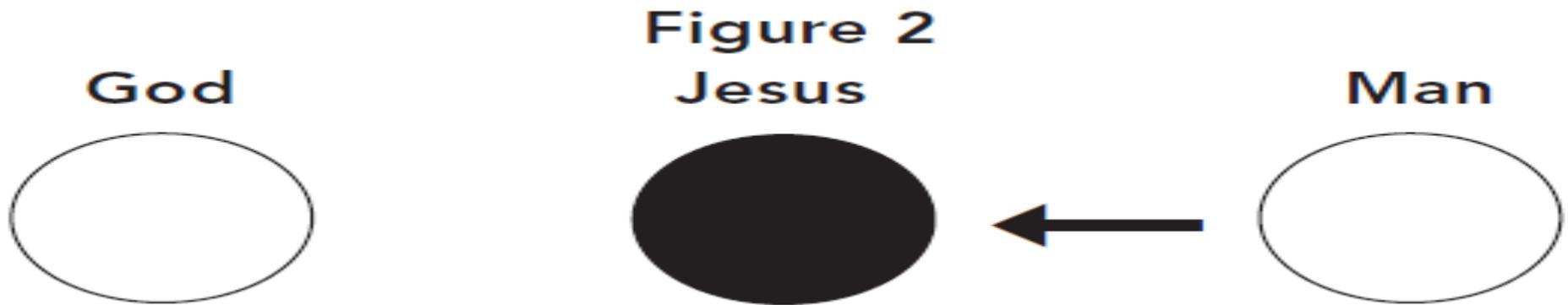
“Let Me stand in their place and act on behalf of My people as their vicarious representative. Lay the sins of Your people, O God, upon Me.”

**This involved a legal transfer,
a reckoning—an imputation.**

Our redemption is grounded in a double imputation by which our sins are transferred to Christ in the atonement and His righteousness is transferred to us. We can illustrate this double transfer by the following chart:-



The three circles in Figure 1 show **God's circle** having **no marks** inside of it, representing **His purity** without blemish. The circle representing **Jesus likewise** has **no black marks** within it, representing **his sinlessness** and perfect obedience, **his perfect merit**. The circle representing **man** is **shaded black**, representing the **radical pollution of sin in our lives**



In Figure 2 we see the **change in the circle of Jesus** in that now **His circle is covered by sin**.
The arrow from man's circle to Jesus' circle illustrates that **the sin of man is transferred to Jesus**.

This is what takes place on the cross. In the atonement, God lays upon Jesus our sins. Jesus is the Lamb without blemish who receives our blemishes by imputation.

He is our substitute, so that God pours out the wrath of His judgment on Christ who vicariously accepts the imputation of our guilt and sin.

THE WAY OF SALVATION. – Grace & Baptism.

On the cross **Jesus** was

just in Himself and **sinner by imputation.**

When Scripture speaks of Jesus becoming sin for us, it **does not mean that He became in Himself a sinner.** If that were the case, He would not have been worthy to save himself, let alone us.

On the cross **Christ** paid the price for our sin.

This was **both a work of expiation and propitiation.**

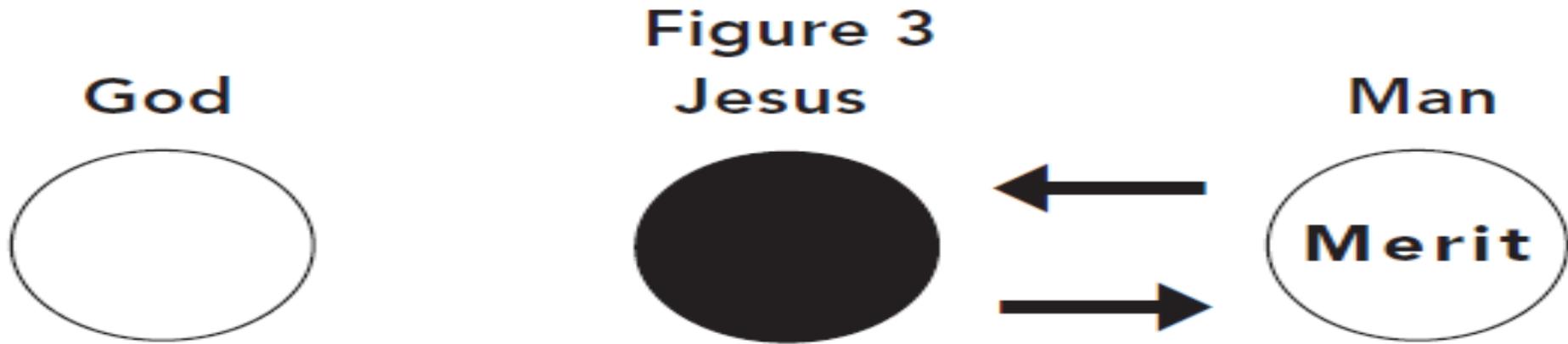
By **expiation** He “**took away**” our sins from us.

By **propitiation** He **satisfied the justice of God** by **undergoing the penalty for our guilt.**

The **imputed righteousness for man** that was brought about by this sacrifice was **not automatic** or all men would be saved **we needed to respond to this sacrifice on our behalf.**

To have our sins punished for us in Christ is to **leave us now innocent in the sight of God.**

Salvation requires more than innocence. It demands **positive obedience** to the Law of God. This is why **what is required is not merely a single imputation but a double imputation.**



In Figure 3 we see that **the circle of man is now clean and righteous.**

The **lower arrow** pointing from Jesus to man represents the transfer of the righteousness and merit of Jesus to us.

In **justification** not only are **our sins imputed to Jesus** by God, but **His righteousness is imputed to us.** By **imputation** we possess the **righteousness of Jesus** in the sight of God.

THE WAY OF SALVATION. – Grace & Baptism.

We are now acceptable to God not because we are righteous but because we have accepted the righteousness of Christ through the way that God has asked us to:-

Through our acceptance of the proclamation of the gospel by faith.

This is not faith alone it involves all that is involved in mans response to the gospel.

THE WAY OF SALVATION. – Grace & Baptism.

**Why does God wait until our baptism
to justify and save us?**

Part of the reason is that
Jesus has given us a commandment;
Are we willing to obey it? Matt 28:18-20;

“There is also **an antitype
which now saves us, Namely immersion**
(not the removal of the filth of the flesh,
but **the answer of a good conscience toward
God,)** **through the resurrection of Jesus.”**

1 Peter 3:21;

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**All of our sin was transferred to Jesus’s account,
and so the sin moved from us to Him;**

**In God’s sight, Christ was covered with our sins.
Our sins are imputed to Christ;**

**Jesus suffered the real punishment
of God’s wrath and justice for our sins.**

But this is only half of the transaction.

**It is not enough for our unrighteousness
to be transferred to Jesus' account.**

**Christ took the penalty for our sin,
but we still have sin in our lives.**

**The metaphor that Scripture uses is a covering.
A cloak is put over our sin. Our sin is covered
by the righteousness of Christ, the merit
that He earned by His perfectly obedient life.**

**When God looks at us,
He sees the righteousness of Christ;
Jer 33:16; says Christ is "our righteousness."**

**The ground or basis on which
we are declared just by God is the justice,
righteousness, or merit of Christ. Gal 3:27;**

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**This is what Paul summarized in Romans 4:
The twofold blessedness.**

We are blessed because our sin is not counted to us but imputed to Christ, and His righteousness is imputed to us by God’s forensic decree.

What we need more than anything else when we stand before God is a covering, something that will blot out our transgressions.

That’s what the gospel promises to give to all who demonstrate the obedience of faith, the covering of the righteousness of Christ.

How does God justify a man?

He justifies man through the blood of Christ and mans response to that sacrifice through mans obedient faith.

The cornerstone of the Book of Romans is found in Rom. 1:16; "The gospel of Christ ... is the power of God unto salvation."

When one accepts the gospel of Christ by obedience to the gospel on God's terms Man receives the forgiveness of sins by and through God's grace.

The gospel is God's exclusive means of forgiving sin. (as seen by the use of the definite article before "gospel" in Rom 1:16;)

Rom 5:1; “So then, now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; .” NJB

It is God's powerful way of **saving all** people whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

We respond to God's grace and the sacrifice of Jesus:- Through **faith** (James 2:24,26), **confession** (Matt 10:32-33;) **repentance** of sin (Acts 17:30), and **baptism (immersion in water for the remission of sins;** see Acts 2:38; Rom 6:4-6; 1 Pet 3:21;)

Man is **declared righteous** before God. Because of **God's amazing Grace** and the **free-will obedience of the sinner**, man stands in a **new relationship to God - justified** (even though he does not deserve it, nor has he earned it.)

Galatians 3:26-27;

**We need to put on Christ's righteousness
to become a child of God.**

**Our identification with the blood of Christ
through our immersion into Christ**

Puts us into a new relationship with Christ.

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as-many-as	for	into	Christ	you ^(p) -are-baptized	Christ	put-on				

**New King James “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.”**

**New American Standard “For all of you who were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.”**

**New Living Translation “And all who have been united with Christ
in baptism have been made like him.”**

What Baptism Does; What It is For!

BAPTISM

Mk 16:16
Acts 2:38; 22:16
Col. 2:12 Jno 3:5

INTO

NAME

Mk 16:28

Reach

AUTHORITY

Mk 16:15-18

BRINGS

INTO

BODY

Col. 1:18

Reach

CHURCH

1 Cor. 12:13

BRINGS

INTO

DEATH

Jno 19:34

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BLOOD

Rom. 6:3

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Gal. 3:27

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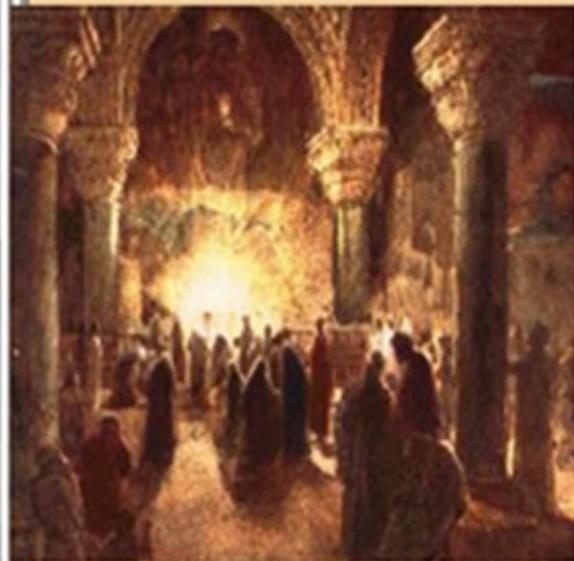
Acts 4:11-12
Eph. 5:23

SALVATION

Eph. 1:7
Rev. 1:5
2 Cor. 5:17

Acts 2 - Everything Was Right

In Acts 2, the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ, everything was in place for the Church to begin as has been prophesied for hundreds of years . . . **EVERYTHING WAS RIGHT!**



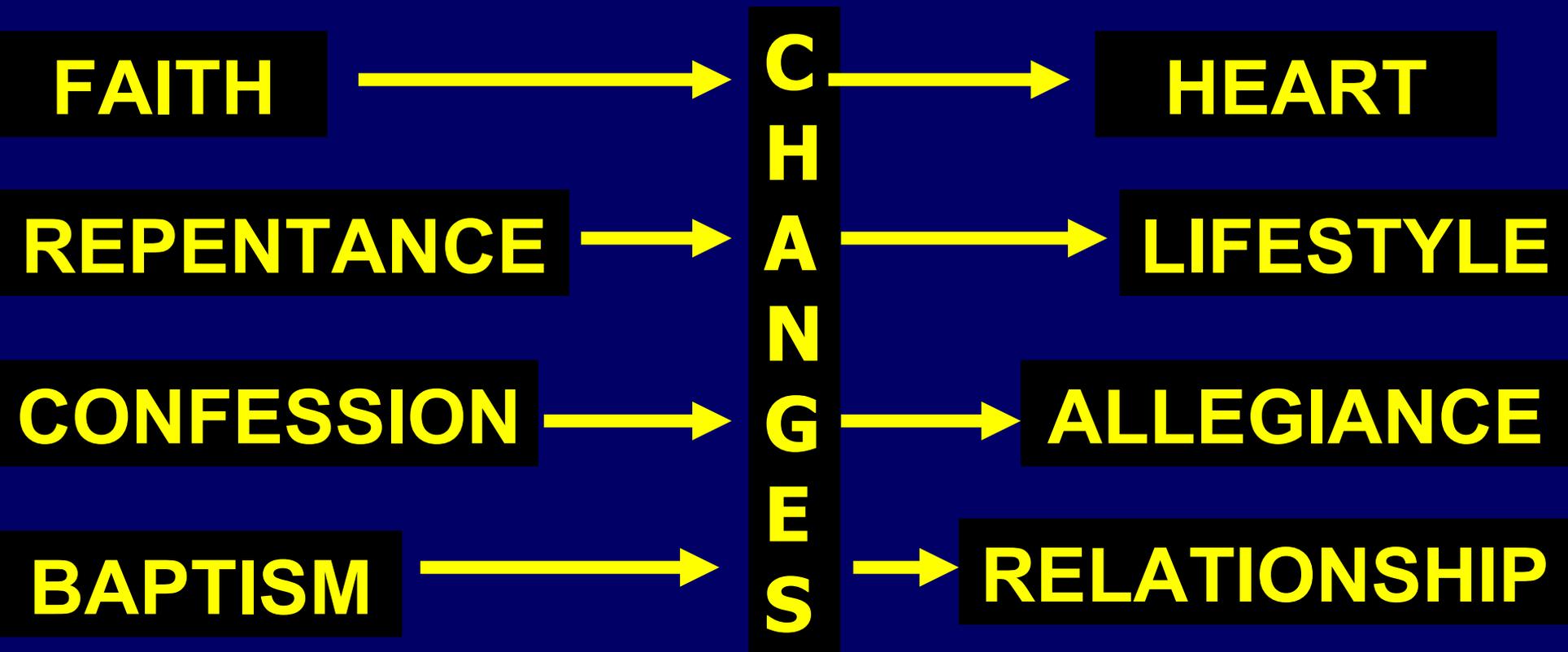
“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins ...” Acts 2:38

- THE RIGHT MEN } • Mark 9:1
• Acts 1:8
- THE RIGHT PLACE - JERUSALEM } • Isaiah 2:2-3
• Micah 4:1-2
- THE RIGHT TIME - “IN THE LAST DAYS” } • Acts 2:16-17
• Joel 2:28-29
- THE RIGHT POWER - “THE HOLY SPIRIT” } • Acts 1:8
- THE RIGHT MESSAGE - “REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS” } • Luke 24:47-49
- THE RIGHT NAME - THE NAME OF CHRIST } • Luke 24:47
• Acts 2:38
- THE RIGHT AUDIENCE - “DEVOUT MEN OUT OF EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN” } • Acts 2:5
• Isaiah 2:2

NOTE: Some years later at Caesarea (Acts 11:15), Peter would refer to the Day of Pentecost as “the beginning.”

**God's Grace through
the death burial and resurrection of Jesus
gives the opportunity of salvation.**

What Changes What?



People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:36-41;

Matt 7:13-14; "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



**Repent and be Baptised is what we must do
In response to the grace
God has revealed to us in Jesus.**

**Our response enables us to make the great
separation from those who are headed down
the broad way to destruction.**

**Our response to God's grace puts us
on the straight and narrow path to salvation.**

**God doesn't do it all. We must respond
to accept God's offer. In this sense
we are doing our part to save ourselves.**

**We are not working to be saved we are responding
in faithful obedience to His message of Grace.**

“and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

There have been **several different positions**
generally held by Christians
regarding what is meant by
"and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

I will only speak briefly
about each of these as
each believe should be a study in itself.

“and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

**Some believe the gift of the Holy Spirit
Is speaking about salvation
and all the blessing that flow from salvation**

**One problem I have with this idea is that
These people have just been saved
and the gift is in addition to their being saved.**

**Second Problem I have with this idea
is that there are passages
that imply a different purpose.**

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Second Problem continued

Eph 1:14; “The Spirit is the guarantee that we will receive the inheritance.

God will set His own people free for the praise of His glory.

Rom 8:9; “But you are not like that.

You are controlled by your new nature if you have the Spirit of God living in you.

(And remember that if anyone doesn't have

The Spirit of Christ living in him,

he is not a Christian at all.)”

Acts 2:38; “You must repent,” Peter answered, “and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Some believe that **the gift of the Holy Spirit** is a general term to denote **the miraculous gifts.**

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One problem I have with this idea is that the **Greek word** used in **Acts 2:38;** the word **Dorea** is singular not plural.

Second problem I have with this idea is that the **miraculous gifts** were **not promised** to everyone and were **temporary** in nature.

Acts 2:38; ““You must repent,” Peter answered, "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Some believe the gift of the Holy Spirit is the the word of the scriptures.

The more you understand the scriptures the more you have of the Holy Spirit in your life.

I can understand the reasoning for this one better because often passages state that what the Holy Spirit does He does through the word.

Also for many because of the misunderstandings about the Holy Spirit and claims by many today about the direct operation of the Holy Spirit.

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This **creates** a tendancy to have **the polarising effect** and many want to **keep away** from **any idea** of **the Holy Spirit** being able to **work** in any other way than **through the word**.

Also for many there is the **practical** question?
How can the Holy Spirit
confine Himself to a human body?

Of course **this idea misses the point**.

We are **Body, Soul and Spirit**.

The **body is physical**, yet inside our body we also have a **soul and Spirit** residing.

So Why can't we have The Holy Spirit also?

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Some believe **the gift of the Holy Spirit** is the actual, **personal indwelling of the Holy Spirit** in the body of a Christian and that **we receive this indwelling when we are baptized.**

In John 16:7; **Jesus** speaking to **His apostles** said “**He had to go before the comforter would come**”

Jesus in His **physical body** could only be **one place at one time.**

The Holy Spirit would be able to **be with each one everywhere at once** because **He is a Spirit not bound by physical restriction.**

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**Because the Holy Spirit, (Deity) is Spirit
He can be with Christians in China, India, Africa,
Europe and even America all at the same time.**

**Also because the Holy Spirit is Deity
The Father and the Son also indwell us because
there is an aspect to Deity that is inseperable.**

**“Jesus replied: Anyone who loves me
will keep my word, and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make a home in him.”**

N.J.B John 14:23;

John 14:23; “Jesus replied: Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make a home in him.”

**Notice this passage does not say:-
Keep my word and my word will dwell in him.**

This is the key idea that makes me lean towards the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in every Christian

The fact that there are a number of scriptures that speak about the word and the Holy Spirit in the same sentence but they are not speaking about the same thing.

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I will begin with **passages** that are dealing with **the apostles** and their work, **I know these do not apply to me** but they may give an insight into other things later.

N.K.J. **John 14:16;** “And I will pray the Father, and He will **give you another Helper,** that **He may abide with you forever,**

New King James **John 14:17;** “**even the Spirit of truth,** whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

Jesus promises the apostles that **the Holy Spirit will be in them** and **the distinction** is made between **the word of truth** and **the Holy Spirit Himself.**

What about Indwelling HOLY SPIRIT in every Christian?

“That good thing (teaching) which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.” 2 Tim 1:14;

“and you too, in Him, are being built up into a dwelling-place of God in the Spirit.” Eph 2:22;

God and Jesus Christ “indwell” Christians through the Holy Spirit. Eph 2:22; doesn't say the Father and Son indwell us THROUGH THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE [Though that also is true - Col 3:16;]

It is both an exegetical and theological blunder to deny that it is GOD who indwells us.

We may struggle to understand the manner of the indwelling! But we must embrace the truth that GOD (Deity) does indwell us and work with that truth and see where it leads.

2 Tim 1:14; “Hold on to the pattern of right teaching.”
(Found in the gospel through the word of God.)
“With the help of the Holy Spirit who lives within us”
(carefully guard the message entrusted.)
Note distinction between the message and the H/S?

3588 [e]	2570 [e]	3866 [e]	5442 [e]	1223 [e]	4151 [e]	40 [e]	3588 [e]	1774 [e]
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We know that Jesus dealt with demons indwelling people.
We ourselves know by faith that we have a human spirit
as part of our make up, 1 Thess 5:23; despite knowing
that physically every 7 years we are totally changed.

Is it so hard then to believe that
the Holy Spirit can also indwell us.

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

James 4:5;

*“ Or do you think that **the Scripture says in vain,**
“The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?*

New International Version

Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?

New Living Translation

What do you think the Scriptures mean when they say that the spirit God has placed within us is filled with envy?

English Standard Version

Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”?

Berean Study Bible

Or do you think the Scripture says without reason that the Spirit He caused to dwell in us yearns with envy?

Berean Literal Bible

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit that He has made to dwell in us yearns with envy”?

New American Standard Bible

Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

King James Bible

Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Or do you think it's without reason the Scripture says that the Spirit who lives in us yearns jealously?

International Standard Version

Or do you think the Scripture means nothing when it says that the Spirit that God caused to live in us jealously yearns for us?

NET Bible

Or do you think the scripture means nothing when it says, “The spirit that God caused to live within us has an envious yearning”?

New Heart English Bible

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit which he made to dwell in us yearns jealously”?

**Notice James does not say
that “the Spirit dwells in us
through the word and yearns”
but rather “the word says
that the Spirit
who dwells in us yearns.”**

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Text Analysis

Strong's	Transliteration	Greek	English	Morphology
2228 [e]	ē	ἢ	Or	Conj
1380 [e]	dokeite	δοκεῖτε	think you	V-PIA-2P
3754 [e]	hoti	ὅτι	that	Conj
2761 [e]	kenōs	κενῶς	in vain	Adv
3588 [e]	hē	ἡ	the	Art-NFS
1124 [e]	graphē	γραφῆ	Scripture	N-NFS
3004 [e]	legei	λέγει	says,	V-PIA-3S
4314 [e]	Pros	Πρὸς	with	Prep
5355 [e]	phthonon	φθόνον	envy	N-AMS
1971 [e]	epipothei	ἐπιποθεῖ	yearns	V-PIA-3S
3588 [e]	to	τὸ	the	Art-ANS
4151 [e]	pneuma	πνεῦμα	Spirit	N-ANS
3739 [e]	ho	ὁ	that	RelPro-ANS
2730 [e]	katōkisen	κατόκισεν	he has made to dwell	V-AIA-3S
1722 [e]	en	ἐν	in	Prep
1473 [e]	hēmin	ἡμῖν;	us?	PPro-D1P

James 4:5; is a passage that many would point at to show that **the Spirit has feelings**, so they cannot deny that the text is referring to the Holy Spirit.

Deity –God dwells in Christians

Eph 4:6; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Phil 2:13; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

1John 4:4; You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Deity –God dwells in Christians.

1 John 4:12-13; “ No one has ever seen God. **But if we love each other, God lives in us,** and His love has been brought to full expression through us.

And God has given us His Spirit as proof that we live in Him and He in us.”

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13	ἐν	τούτῳ	γινώσκομεν	ὅτι	ἐν	αὐτῷ	μένομεν	,	καὶ	αὐτὸς	ἐν	ἡμῖν	,
	By	this	we know	that	in	him	we abide	and	he	in	us		
	Prep	DPro-DNS	V-PIA-1P	Conj	Prep	PPro-DM3S	V-PIA-1P	Conj	PPro-NM3S	Prep	PPro-D1P		

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	because	out from	the	Spirit	of him	he has given	to us		
	Conj	Prep	Art-GNS	N-GNS	PPro-GM3S	V-RIA-3S	PPro-D1P		

Holy Spirit to indwell or not to indwell?

Some say that we are speaking of a **literal incarnation** like Jesus.

That is not true we are speaking of something more like the example of **oxygen** which can be around the whole world but also at the same time throughout our whole bodies in the blood in our veins.

We claim to believe in an **omnipresent Deity** so **do we limit God** to not being a part of us just because **we do not understand how** He would be able to do it.

If we **believe and accept** we have a **human spirit** why can we not accept that we can also **share in the presence of Deity?**

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**There is more that could be said but
This is a subject that needs a study by itself
so I will leave it here for your consideration.**

**For a deeper study check out
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People's response to Peter's Sermon 2:38;

Living the Life!

**After our cleansing
by the blood of Jesus,
we must apply the teachings
of the apostles to our lives.**

**Acts 2:42; "They devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

**43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders
and miraculous signs were done by the apostles."**

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