

Cases of Conversion

3000 on Pentecost – First To Hear
And Obey The Gospel

Introduction

- Vital question “What must we do to be saved?”
- Must first recognize we are lost
- Must recognize if we are receiving correct answer on how to be saved
- In Acts 2 - first New Testament example of the Divinely given correct answer to what we must do to be saved

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Ways Of Salvation Not Found In Acts

Do nothing because

God arbitrarily selects who He will save

God will save all no matter what we do

Sinner's prayer

Infant baptism

Pray for Holy Spirit

Live a good life

Commune with and protect nature

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Human Denominations Not Found In Acts

- No mention of joining the church of our choice in Acts
- Only one church revealed in Acts
- When people became Christians, the Lord added them to His one church not to any man-made denomination

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Baptism of Holy Spirit Promised To Apostles

Act 1:4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me;

Act 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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Act 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

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Apostles Baptized With Holy Spirit on Pentecost

Pentecost – 50 days after first fruits offering

Act 1:26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

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Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

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Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Tongues were known foreign languages not learned by apostles but understood by their audience

Both languages and message content given by the Holy Spirit

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Devout Jews React To The Pouring Out Of The Holy Spirit

Act 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

Act 2:8 "And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?"

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Act 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Act 2:13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

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Meaning of The Pouring Out of The Holy Spirit

- Fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, Joel 2:28-32, possibly written 800 years earlier
- Joel prophesied of miraculous working of the Spirit, judgment and salvation to all who call on the name of the Lord
- Outpouring of Holy Spirit on Apostles proved Jesus was reigning as Lord over all

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Meaning of The Pouring Out of The Holy Spirit

Act 2:14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

Act 2:15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;

Act 2:16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 13

Meaning of The Pouring Out of The Holy Spirit

Act 2:17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 14

Meaning of The Pouring Out of The Holy Spirit

Act 2:18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

Act 2:19 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. 15

Meaning of The Pouring Out of The Holy Spirit

Act 2:20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

Act 2:21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.' 16

First Gospel Message Preached

- First gospel message revealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit
- Who is this Lord on whom they must call to be saved?
- And, how are they to call on the Lord? 17

Apostles Prove God Made Jesus Lord And Christ

Jesus' miracles

Prophecies of His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and exaltation

Apostles' eyewitness testimony

Jesus sending Holy Spirit to the apostles 18

Jesus' Identity Confirmed By His Miracles

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

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God's Plan Not Stopped By Their Sins

Act 2:23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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David Foretold Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection

Psalms 16:8-11 – About 1000 BC

Act 2:25 "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

Act 2:26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

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David Foretold Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection

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Act 2:27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

Act 2:28 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'

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Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection Fulfilled Prophecy

Act 2:29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

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Act 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

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God's Promise To David

2Sa 7:12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:16 "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.""

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Apostles' Eyewitness Testimony

Act 2:32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Act 1:21 "Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us--

Act 1:22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us-- one of these *must* become a witness with us of His resurrection."

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Jesus Pouring Out Holy Spirit On The Apostles

Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

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David Foretold Jesus' Ascension And Exaltation

Psalms 110:1 – About 1000 BC

Act 2:34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

Act 2:35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"

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About 3000 Souls Call On The Name of The Lord To Be Saved

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Peter Commanded Them To Repent And Be Baptized

- Filled with sorrow for their sins, crucifying Jesus, they cry out asking what they must do
- Peter commands them to repent, change their minds about their sins
- They must also be baptized, immersed in water, for forgiveness of their sins

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Some Things Peter Did Not Command Them To Do

Do nothing because Jesus has done all and saves all

Sinner's prayer

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Peter Commanded Them To Repent And Be Baptized

- Both repentance and baptism are for forgiveness of sins
- Calling on the name of the Lord is submitting to what the Lord commands us to do to be saved
- Denying what the Lord commands is not calling on His name
- Example – baptism not necessary to be saved

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Jesus' Death For Forgiveness of Sins

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

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Repentance And Baptism For Forgiveness of Sins

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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Baptized into Jesus' Death – Beginning of A New Life

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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About 3000 Souls Call On The Name of The Lord

Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

- In Acts 2:38, Peter promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to all who would repent and be baptized
- Since the promise is for all who obey the gospel, it cannot refer to miracles
- Miraculous gifts were given through apostles laying their hands on Christians
- Miracles lasted until New Testament was completely revealed and confirmed

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

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Miraculous Spiritual Gifts Given By The Apostles

Act 8:17 Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

Act 8:18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,

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Miraculous Spiritual Gifts Were Temporary

1Co 13:8 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part;

1Co 13:10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

- Since promise applies to all Christians, it cannot refer to baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Occurred when people received miraculous abilities from Holy Spirit without any human agent involved
- Happened twice – once in Acts 2 with apostles
- Once in Acts 10 with Cornelius and household

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

Act 10:45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Act 11:15 "And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning.

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

- Comparing Acts 2:38 with Acts 3:19, we find the gift of the Holy Spirit and the times of refreshing refer to the promised salvation to all nations, first promised to Abraham
- All who submit to the call of the gospel by repenting and being baptized receive this promise involving forgiveness of sins and hope of eternal inheritance

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"--

Gal 3:14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

Gal 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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Promised Salvation To All Who Obey

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

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Holy Spirit Dwells In Each Christian

- If the gift of the Holy Spirit is the Abrahamic promise, then what about the indwelling Spirit given to all Christian?
- The Holy Spirit dwells in all Christians as we submit to the words of the Holy Spirit
- As we obey the life-giving Word, it can be said the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are in each Christian

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Holy Spirit Dwells In Each Christian

Rom 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Rom 8:10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

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Holy Spirit Dwells In Each Christian

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Joh 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

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Jesus Adds About 3000 Souls To His Saved Body, His Church

- After being baptized, they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching
- The Lord adds all individuals who become Christians by repenting and being baptized to His church, His saved body of individuals
- His church is a worldwide body composed of individuals who have obeyed Him

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Jesus Adds About 3000 Souls To His Saved Body, His Church

- His church not a collection of local church or bodies of local churches (denominations)
- Individual Christians are to learn, worship and work together in local congregations as the Lord has commanded them
- We should be only Christians joining ourselves only to Christ not to any man-made organization

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

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Jesus Adds About 3000 Souls To His Saved Body, His Church

Act 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

Act 2:45 and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Act 2:46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

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Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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