

Cases of Conversion

About 3000 Souls On Pentecost
First To Hear And Obey The
Gospel

Introduction

- Book of Acts records Divinely inspired examples of the gospel message preached and what people were commanded to do to be saved
- Also revealed is establishment and growth of Jesus' one church
- Today we see many gospels, many ways to be saved and many churches
- None of these in the book of Acts

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Ways Of Being Saved Not Found In Acts

1. Do nothing because God will either save a select group or save all
2. Sinner's prayer
3. Infant baptism
4. Pray for miraculous power of Holy Spirit
5. Live what you believe is a good moral life

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Human Denominations Not Found In Acts

- No mention of joining the church of our choice
- Only one church revealed that included all Christians
- When people became Christians, the Lord added them to His one church, His one body of saved individuals

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Baptism of Holy Spirit Promised To Apostles

Joh 16:13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

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;

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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.

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Meaning of Tongues

- Tongues were known languages
- Tongues not learned by apostles but miraculous given by Holy spirit
- Both languages and message content given by the Holy Spirit
- Tongues (languages) clearly understood by those who heard

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Meaning of Tongues

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

Act 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

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Meaning of Tongues

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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Devout Jews React To The Miraculous Display Of The Holy Spirit

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 Forth of My Spirit

- Fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, Joel 2:28-32
- Foretold gifts and blessings to be poured forth from the Spirit
- Foretold prophetic revelation
- Foretold miraculous working of the Spirit
- Foretold salvation to all who call on the name of the Lord
- Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on apostles proved Jesus was reigning over all

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Meaning of The Pouring Forth of My 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:

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Meaning of The Pouring Forth of My 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;

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Meaning of The Pouring Forth of My 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.

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Meaning of The Pouring Forth of My 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.'

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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 to be saved?

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Apostles Prove God Made Jesus Both Lord And Christ

1. Jesus' miracles
2. Prophecies of His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and exaltation
3. Apostles' eyewitness testimony
4. Jesus sending Holy Spirit to apostles confirms His reign

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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 Raises Jesus From The Dead Overruling Man's 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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Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection Fulfilled Prophecy

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 Oath To David

Psa 89:35 "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.

Psa 89:36 "His descendants shall endure forever And his throne as the sun before Me.

Psa 89:37 "It shall be established forever like the moon, And the witness in the sky is faithful." Selah.

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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 Forth of The Spirit Confirms His Reign

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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God's Promise To David Fulfilled In Jesus' Reign

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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David Foretold Jesus' Ascension And Exaltation

Psalm 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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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

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- 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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What Is The Gift of The Holy Spirit?

- All who repent and are baptized for forgiveness of sins will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- The promise of this gift is not limited to a select group or a restricted time period
- Promise is for all Jews and Gentiles in future who would repent and be baptized

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What Is Not The Gift of The Holy Spirit?

- Gift cannot be baptism of Holy Spirit promised only to the apostles
- Gift cannot be miraculous gifts of the Spirit given only to some Christians through laying on of apostles' hands
- Miraculous gifts ended when New Testament was completely revealed and confirmed

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Act 8:16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

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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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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Is The Gift The Holy Spirit Who Dwells In Each Christian?

- Is the gift the Holy Spirit Himself or something He gives?
- Grammar of verse 38 is not conclusive
- The Holy Spirit dwells in all Christians as we submit to the words of the Holy Spirit
- But context points to a promised gift given by the Holy Spirit

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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.

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Holy Spirit Dwells In Each Christian

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

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The Gift of The Holy Spirit Is Promised Salvation To All Who Call On The Lord

- Promise in verse 39 refers to verse 21
- The gift of the Holy Spirit is the promised salvation to all nations, first promised to Abraham
- Repeated by the prophets
- All who call on the name of the Lord by repenting and being baptized receive forgiveness of sins, are justified by faith and have 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 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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Act 2:21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Act 3:24 "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

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Act 3:25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

Act 3:26 "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways."

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The Gift of The Holy Spirit Is Promised Salvation To All Who Call On The Lord

Gal 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

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"--

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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.

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.

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The Gift of The Holy Spirit Is Promised Salvation To All Who Call On The Lord

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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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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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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Jesus Added About 3000 Souls To His One Saved Body, His Church

- 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
- After being baptized, they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching

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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. 61

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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, 62

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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.

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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.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

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About 3000 Souls on Pentecost First To Hear And Obey The Gospel

1. Apostles baptized with the Holy Spirit
2. First gospel message preached proving Jesus is both Lord and Christ
3. About 3000 souls call on the name of the Lord by repenting and being baptized

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About 3000 Souls on Pentecost First To Hear And Obey The Gospel

4. All who repent and are baptized received the promised salvation, the gift of the Holy Spirit
5. Jesus added about 3000 souls to His one saved body, His one church
6. They continually devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching

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