

THE APPEAL AND RESULTS OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERMON

(Acts 2:36-41)

I. THE ADVENT OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

A. The Holy Spirit Comes on the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11)

B. A Biblical Perspective on the Gift of Tongues from 1 Corinthians 12-14

C. Peter Explains What Just Happened on Pentecost (Acts 2:12-21)

D. Peter Preaches an Evangelistic Message to the Unbelieving Crowd (Acts 2:22-36)

E. Peter's Appeal and the Spectacular Results (Acts 2:36-41)

1. In Peter's conclusion to his evangelistic message to this Jewish crowd (vv. 14b-35), he now called for personal application...
 - a. They needed to "*know assuredly*" (*imper.*) that they were personally accountable for _____ Jesus (v. 36a)
 - b. They needed to "*know assuredly*" that Jesus was/remains _____ (v. 36b)
 - c. They needed to "*know assuredly*" that Jesus was/remains the _____ (v. 36c)

2. Peter's audience was "*cut to the heart*", i.e., they were _____ of their _____ of putting this innocent man to death. (v. 37a)

* Does conviction of a particular sin always mean someone has automatically believed the Gospel?

3. In response, these unsaved Jews then asked Peter and the other apostles a very good question, "*Men and brethren, _____ shall _____ ?*" (v. 37b)

* How is this question similar and yet different from Acts 16:30?

* Were these people saved at this point?

4. In v. 38, Peter answered their question by simply telling them to _____ (change their minds) and be _____, just as Jesus had instructed in the Great Commission just days before. (v. 38a, cf. Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48)

* Was Peter telling them that water baptism was necessary “*for the remission of sins*”? (Luke 24:46; Acts 3:19; 5:31; 10:43; 13:38-39; 26:17-18)

5. Peter was teaching that every one of them needed to repent and _____ (GK *epi*) “*the _____ of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins*” (v. 38b, cf. Acts 2:21; 9:42; 11:17; 16:31; 22:19)

6. In the context of this entire sermon, Peter had already declared that...

a. Jesus was who He claimed to be by performing _____ and _____ (v. 22)

b. God _____ Jesus to be crucified and put to _____ (v. 23)

c. The Lord _____ Jesus from the _____ (v. 24)

d. Jesus was both _____ and the _____ (v. 36)

7. The apostle promised that if they repented and rested upon the name of Christ, they would “_____ *the _____ of the Holy Spirit,*” just like they did. (v. 38c-40)

8. The wonderful, miraculous response by this enormous crowd was that _____ people _____ on Christ for salvation, and were _____ water baptized as a public testimony. (v. 41)

* What can you personally learn from Peter’s evangelistic example today?