



What Shall We Do?

Acts 2:37-41

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After being convicted by the Spirit of God for rejecting Jesus Christ, the crowd listening to Peter pleaded with him, "What shall we do?" Peter's answer offers a concise summary of what God requires of people in order for them to be saved.

Peter declared to the crowd in Jerusalem that God had already sent them a Savior – a rescuer – but they killed Him.

The first message that Jesus preached – in Nazareth in Luke 4 – exposed his listeners in a way they found offensive.

Peter's sermon illustrates the power of God's Spirit to use God's Word to accomplish God's work.

Peter gave two instructions for the people's response to the gospel:

1. Repent (*metanoeho*)
2. Be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of their sins

Questions to Consider

1. Think back through Peter's sermon in Acts 2. What were the central points that he taught about Jesus of Nazareth? How essential are those elements to your own sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Read Luke 4:16-30. What did the people of Nazareth find so offensive about the message that Jesus preached?
3. Think about the human element of Peter's preaching on Pentecost: A fisherman with no record of rabbinic training or public speaking, giving a confrontational message that ended by calling his audience murderers of an innocent man. What can we learn about God's Word and His Spirit from the response of 3,000 people who repented and turned to Christ?
4. How would you describe repentance? In what way(s) does sorrow seem to fit with repentance? Are there other scriptures that speak to godly sorrow in repentance?
5. How does the repentance that Peter preached include faith and belief?
6. What is the significance of the actual act of baptism? Is it necessary for salvation?
7. How essential is it for us to talk about sin and repentance in our own gospel witness?