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❖ Intro:

- Very Simple Gospel Message

❖ Recap: Some of the Important things we have see thus far in Acts...

- Jesus Told the Disciples to Wait
 - And they would be clothed with power
 - When they received the promise from the Father
 - The Holy Spirit
- **In Acts 2 The disciples are filled with the Spirit**
 - The Spirit appears as tongues of fire
 - And they began telling the Mighty things of God
 - In tongues they did not know
 - But others could understand
 - A marvelous display of God’s Power and Mercy
- **God sent the Spirit on the day of Pentecost...**
 - Meaning of Harvest
 - No obstacle to big
- The main point of the Day of Pentecost is Harvest
- The Main Job of the church today is Harvest

❖ Being Filled with the Spirit

- Something we should pray for
- Something we should expect
- Something we should prepare ourselves for
 - Beg God for more of His presence
 - Be desperate for Him in prayer

- Be desperate to find Him through His Word
- Then be obedient when He calls you to mission

❖ Outline:

- 1) A Call To Hear
- 2) He Came
- 3) He Died
- 4) He Rose
- 5) He Reigns
- 6) He Calls
- 7) They Responded

❖ Overview of Peter's Sermon

- **Peter is Responding to what is going on around Him**
 - He is responding to those amazed at the gift of tongues that is causing disciples
 - To tell the mighty works of God
 - He is responding also to the mockers who wonder if they are drunk...
- **Peter is About to Preach the gospel to the people around Him...**
 - And in doing so, He is responding to the people...
 - He knows His crowd, The Spirit has empowered Him...
 - And what He is about to say is Gospel Preaching Gold... and much to be learned from it
- **Peter Forms His Sermon around Three O.T. Texts...**
 - vv. 14–16 “These men are not drunk but are fulfilling the prophecy of Joel”
 - vv. 17–21 Joel 2:28–32
 - vv. 22–24 “Jesus, whom you crucified, did mighty works, and God raised him”
 - vv. 25–28 Psalm 16:8–11
 - vv. 29–33 “David wrote about the Messiah Jesus’ resurrection and exaltation”
 - vv. 34–35 Psalm 110:1
 - v. 36 Conclusion
 - vv. 37–41 Audience response

❖ 1) A Call To Hear

- ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words:
- Men of Israel...
- Hear these Words...
- Application

❖ 2) He Came

- **Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—**
- Jesus of Nazareth
 -
- Attested to you by God
 -
- With: Mighty Works and Wonders and Signs
 - So... We could list all of them, but I think you know many of them
 - I think He is getting to something deeper than just the miracles...
 - He is getting to the reality behind them

- **The Book of John**
 - If you recall... each miracle or wonder or sign... pointed to the character of who Jesus is
 - They told something of His nature...
 - He did miracles and signs that pointed to a deeper reality
- **Recall some of them:**
 - Maybe get the congregation involved

➤ **In your Midst**

- Right in front of you

➤ **You yourselves know**

- You know this to be true...

➤ **Application:**

❖ **3) He Died**

- ²³ **this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.**

➤ **This Jesus**

➤ **Delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God**

- **God is Sovereign**

- Even the Death of His Son was according to His plan
- God is in sovereign over all things...

- You may ask... why does God allow sin to continue... Why doesn't He just take out all the bad sinners

- Well... See you later then...

- **Rather: God is patient...**

- For some reason that God knows and understands and that is good...
- He has allowed sin... He did not create it and He does not like it
- He hates it...

- **And His hatred toward it led Him to give up His only Son... in accordance to His own Plan**

- So... does this excuse men from his death
- No...

➤ **You crucified and killed by the hands of Lawless Men**

- **You Crucified and killed**

- They did not just reject him and kill him
- They crucified Him...
- Killed the Messiah as if He were a common criminal
- They wanted Him dead...

- **And these guys are being held responsible for this...**

- They yelled crucify...
- They trumped up false charges
- And then... they had someone else carry out there dirty work

- **By the Hands of Lawless men**

- The Romans carried out the crucifixion
- The Gentiles consider as Lawless men...
- Those without the law of God...
- Killed the Messiah

➤ **Application:**

- We are responsible for His death

- We are represented by those yelling crucify
- And those carrying it out
- The whole world is represented in the death of God
- Peter makes sure they see their specific sins...
 - He points them out

❖ 4) He Rose

- ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, “ ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
- **God Raised Him Up... Loosing the pangs of death**
 - The cords of death could not hold Him...
- **Not possible for him to be held by it**
 - He was loosed from death...
- **What a Powerful witness for us**
 - Death can not Hold the Children of God...
 - IN the SAME way that it could not hold Jesus it can not Hold his Children
- **Peter wants to Prove the Resurrection**
 - So He uses Psalm 16 to prove it...
 - He ends by saying: (Paraphrase this)
 - ²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.
 - So... he says... David foresaw this...
 - Therefore David said: from Psalm 16:8-11
 - “ ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’
- **Jesus has Risen!**
 - Jesus is no longer in the grave...
 - He died 50 days ago... but He came back...
 - Death could not Hold the Son of God
- **Proof of the Resurrection:**
 - There are so many things that prove the validity of the Resurrection...
 - We have a sermon preached here that you can go back to... I think from this Easter...
- **We Are all Witnesses:**
 - ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
 - Jesus left behind thousands of witnesses to His life, death and Resurrection...

- Proper Law and representation in a court was important to God
- He made sure legally that He is without fault in proving to the world what He has done...
- The disciples were witnesses of these things...

➤ Application

- Jesus is Risen.. lets live like we believe this
- Jesus is Risen... We are witnesses about this... We were not there...
- But the Holy Spirit has shown us the truth of it...
 - And we must tell others...

❖ 5) He Reigns

- ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

➤ Exalted at the Right hand of God

- **Romans 8:34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

➤ Received the promise of the Spirit

- The Father had promised the Spirit...

➤ He has poured out what they are seeing and hearing

- Jesus is responsible for this outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost

➤ Peter again goes to David to prove the reigning of Jesus (Psalm 110:1)

- , “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’

➤ God... made Jesus

- Both Lord and Christ

➤ This Jesus whom you crucified

- He reminds them of their sin... again

❖ 6) He Calls

- ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And 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. ³⁹For 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.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

➤ Gospel Cut them to the Heart

➤ Peter says they must

- Repent
- And Be Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ

➤ For the Forgiveness of your sins

➤ You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

➤ Repentance and Faith are the Keys here:

- The person turns from their sins... they are then
 - Baptized in the name of Jesus Christ...

- This baptism is an indication of Faith...
- To be baptized in the name of Jesus is to have Faith in that name...
- **We do not see it taught in the Bible that baptism by water takes away sins...**
 - Rather it is a response taken indicating the Faith the person has...
 - Plus serving as sign as to what has happened within them...
- **Baptism is a sign of Repentance**
 - From Repentance the person receives forgiveness of sins
 - If a person Repents... it is obvious they also have Faith
 - Because it takes such Faith to Repent in this manner...
 - To turn from sins and to Jesus... One must have Faith
- **This Repentance and Faith (that Go hand in hand)**
 - Brings about forgiveness of sins
 - And a receiving of the Holy Spirit...
- **The Gift of the Holy Spirit is without Equal**
 - What a gift from God... for Him to dwell within the believer...
 - ◆ **Eph 1:13-14 (NIV)** ¹³ **And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.**
- **Why then do we grieve Him so?**

➤ **Promise is for everyone:**

- **is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."**

➤ **Continues to preach to them and call them to repentance**

- **"Save yourselves from this crooked generation."**

❖ **7) They Responded**

- **⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.**

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❖ **Can We do this?**

- If We Get the Gospel Right
- If We Walk Daily in the Power of the Holy Spirit
- Unless we do these things... We will be a weak church with weak Christians
 - While the power that filled the apostle is available for us today

❖ **Invitation**