

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VII – The Apostolic Mission
Lesson 7 – The Epitome of the Gospel Message

I. Elements of Peter's Sermon: (Acts 2:16-36)

- A. The 'Good news of the Kingdom' (from Joel's prophecy)
- B. The miracles of the Man Jesus were performed by God through Him (vs. 22).
- C. He was put to death according to God's foreordained plan (vs. 23)
- D. God raised Him from the dead in fulfillment of Psalm 16 (vss. 24-31)
- E. The Apostles were eyewitnesses of His death and resurrection (vss. 32)
- F. He was taken up, exalted to the Father's side fulfilling Psalm 110:1 (vs. 33-35)
- G. Jesus is 'Lord' (Master) and 'Christ' (Anointed King) (vs. 36)

II. The Reaction of the crowd: (Acts 2:37)

- A. They were 'cut to the heart' because they knew they had been excluded from the Kingdom – the blessing of Joel's prophecy
- B. Their response implied they believed Peter's message
- C. "Men and brothers" implies a familial connection – fellow sons of Abraham
- D. "What should we do?"

III. Peter's Invitation: (Acts 2:38-40)

A. REPENT: The meaning of 'repent' defined by Joel's prophecy: *"Now, therefore," says the LORD, 'Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.'"* (Joel 2:12-13).

B. BAPTIZED in the NAME of Jesus: Taking to one's self the Name of the Lord was necessary to enter the Kingdom. *"And it shall come to pass that whoever calls [upon himself] the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls"* (Joel 2:32, quoted in Acts 22:16, Rom. 10:13).

1. Baptism is unto the remission of sins – result

C. The Promise: you shall receive the gift of the holy Breath – the fullness of the holy Breath, the ultimate blessing of the Kingdom, the inheritance.

1. The scope of the Promise: to you (Jews), to the next generation, and to the Gentiles who were afar off (Eph. 2:11-19).

IV. Not individual indwelling of the holy Breath, addressed elsewhere

- A. An individual indwelling (John 7:37-39).
- B. A collective indwelling (Rom. 12:12-14).