

EASTER

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Cut to The Heart: Responding to God & Proclaiming His Salvation Acts 2:37-41

Review: Acts 2 So Far

Acts 2:2-13: Spirit-filled disciples produce astonishment in Jerusalem

Acts 2:14-31: Peter's Spirit-filled sermon proclaims Jesus as Christ

Acts 2:32-36: The outpoured Spirit is the result and evidence of Christ's enthronement

Our Response TO Jesus Results in God's Forgiveness and Personal Presence (vv. 37-38)

Acts 2:37 *Now 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?" 38 And 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.*

Ephesians 1:13 *In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*

Our Mission FOR Jesus: Bear Witness & Exhort The World (vv. 39-40)

Acts 2:39 *For 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." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."*

Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Our Hope BECAUSE of Jesus: Salvation & Eternal Life NOW! (v. 41)

Acts 2:41 *So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

Acts 2:47 *And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Reflect, Discuss, Apply

1) Has the death & resurrection of King Jesus “cut to your heart” (v. 37)? As you examine your life, does it truly reflect that you are convicted & convinced that Christ reigns as Lord? Thank God for this reality, and pray for the Holy Spirit to remind you of that truth daily.

2) The promise of Jesus is for us and all who are far off from God (v. 38). Who has God placed in your life to bear witness to in order that they might be saved? Write down ways you can carry out this charge with those people.

3) We see the fruit of Peter’s Spirit-Filled proclamation of Christ - three thousand souls being added to the Kingdom of God (v. 41). Do you desire this kind of salvation and eternal life in the world currently? Join us in fasting and praying for the truth of Jesus to cut to the hearts of many this Easter season. Consider making the practice of fasting in prayer a regular part of your life as you rest in the hope of eternal life.

Notes:

SONGS

“God So Loved”
“Christ is Risen (Hallelujah)”
“The Goodness of Jesus”
“Resurrecting”

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$36,442.61
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00
YTD Giving: \$322,442.61
YTD General Need: \$383,220
Altamont Expansion Fund (3/13): \$140,667.98

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