

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

ACTS 2:14-41

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- I. **The First Sign to the Jews, Acts 2:6-13**
 - A. The Holy Spirit gave some of the ones in the upper room the ability to speak in another language
 - B. Devout – saved Old Testament Saints – where in Jerusalem
 - i. They had come to Jerusalem to worship
 - ii. They were not native to Jerusalem
 - iii. They were attracted by the sound of a mighty rushing wind
 - iv. They were astonished to find the Galileans speaking in their own dialects
 - C. The Holy Spirit was speaking the Wonders of God through the New Testament Saints
 - D. Some of the Jews – native – mocked the disciples
 - i. They could not understand them
 - ii. They presumed the disciples were drunk
- II. **Peter's Message to the Jewish Nation, Acts 2:14-41**
 - A. Peter stands up to speak
 - i. He is standing with the other eleven apostles
 - ii. Peter address the men in Judea and those living in Jerusalem
 - iii. He is going to make known to them what is going on
 - B. The Spirit described in Joel, Acts 2:16 – 22; Joel 2:28-32
 - i. The Old Testament revealed that the Holy Spirit would be pour out upon the Jews
 1. During the Tribulation period
 - a. The Sun will turn to darkness
 - b. The Moon will turn to blood
 - c. Many sings in the heavens will be given to the Jews
 2. He will give new revelation to the Jews
 - a. All flesh – all is governed by context, Joel 2:28-32
 - b. The sons and daughters will prophecy
 - c. Young men will see visions (like a dream, only the person is awake)
 - d. Old men will dream dreams

- e. His Spirit will also be poured out upon the handmaids and servants
 - 3. If perhaps they will call upon the Lord they will be saved
 - a. Jehovah is the name used in the Old Testament for Lord
 - i. The name made known to the Jews in the Exodus
 - ii. The self-existing one
 - ii. The Dispensation of Grace was not Revealed to the Old Testament Prophets
 - 1. It was a mystery that was hidden from the foundation of the universe, 1 Corinthians 2:7
 - 2. The Prophecy given in Joel refers to the days before the second coming
 - 3. Joel speaks of the punishment of the Dispensation of Law and the coming of the Lord to setup His Kingdom
 - iii. Peter is not saying the time spoken in Joel has come
 - 1. "This" – refers back to Spirit
 - 2. The signs of the sun, moon, and all prophesying and seeing dreams had not come to past
 - 3. No female prophets in the dispensation of grace are recorded
 - a. The only one claiming to be a prophet is a false prophet, Revelations 2:20
 - 4. The only dreams and visions given to the Church are recorded from the Apostles
- C. The death and resurrection of Jesus the Nazarene, Acts 2:22-36
 - i. Exhortation to listen and obey
 - ii. Jesus of Nazareth
 - 1. A Man out from God
 - 2. Having been publically displayed unto you all
 - a. Powers – show inherent ability (dynamic power)
 - b. Wonders – causes awe
 - c. Signs – given to the Jews to know that God is doing something
 - d. Done by God through Jesus
 - 3. They all have an intuitive knowledge of Jesus
 - a. They intuitively knew of the signs
 - b. They intuitively knew that Jesus was sent from God
 - c. They intuitively knew of His works

4. His boundaries were marked off by the determinate will (council) and foreknowledge of the Godhead
 - a. His delivering over was within the plan of God
 - b. God knew in advance that Jesus would be given over
 5. The Jews took Him
 - a. By unlawful hand (hands without law)
 - b. Fastened Him to cross
 - c. Put Him to death
 6. God raised Him
 - a. loosing the birth pains of death
 - b. It was not possible that death could hold Him
 - c. The prophecy given by King David
 - i. He will not abandon my soul in Sheol (Hades), Psalm 16:10
 - ii. Your Holy One will not undergo decay, Psalm 16:10
 - iii. David was not speaking of himself
 1. He is dead and buried
 2. He is still in the grave
 - iv. David looked ahead
 1. Knowing that God had sworn an oath to him
 2. He spoke of the resurrection of Christ
 - d. We are all witness of the resurrection of this Jesus
 - e. Having been exalted
 - i. He now sits at the right hand of God the Father
 - ii. He received the promise of the Holy Spirit
 1. He poured out the this “Spirit”
 2. This “Spirit” which you see and hear
 - iii. David prophesied of the ascension of Christ
 - iii. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ
 1. The same Jesus you crucified
 2. The meaning of the term “Christ” changes
 - a. He made Him “Christ” – the resurrected, glorified one
 - b. He already was “Christ” – the Messiah
- D. The Piercing of The Believing Jew’s Hearts, Acts 2:37-41
- i. What will we do?
 - ii. Peter’s response
 1. They are to do nothing

2. They are to change their mind about who Jesus is
 3. They are to be immersed into water
 - a. Each one individually
 - b. In the name of Jesus (Character of Jesus)
 - c. Because of the forgiveness of their sins
 4. They will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- E. With many other words Peter solemnly testified and exhorted
- F. About three thousand were added to the Church on this day