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THE NEW COMMUNITY IN CHRIST – THE CHURCH - IS BASED ON PETER'S MESSAGE ABOUT JESUS – Acts 2:22-36

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Act 2:24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death,

because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH IS BASED ON PETER'S MESSAGE ABOUT JESUS – Acts 2:22-36

v.22 "Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst" - His miracles, signs and wonders were performed by God's power Is. 61:1-3

v. 23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God," - Jesus' death was planned by God – cf. – Luke 19:10; John 10:17-18; Acts 4:27-28; Matthew 27:25; John 3:16; Rev. 13:8- All the people said, "His blood be on us and on our children"

v. 24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it." - His resurrection was prophesied by God – Acts 2:24-32; 3:15

Based on three lines of thought:

v. 24 "because it was not possible that He should be held by it." - The impossibility of death holding Him

“A CHURCH IS BORN” - Acts 2:22-47

The best way to understand Pentecost is not through the prophecies in the Old Testament, but through the New Testament fulfillment, not through Joel but through Jesus. Notice as Peter summons the men of Israel to listen to him. He goes on and tells the story in six stages (vs. 22-41):

1. Jesus' life and ministry (v. 22)
2. Jesus' death (v. 23)
3. Jesus' resurrection (vs. 24-32)
4. Jesus' exaltation (vs. 33-36)
5. Jesus' salvation (vs. 37-39)
6. Jesus' new community (vs. 40-41)

Keep in mind that Peter was not preaching the Gospel of the cross as we preach it today. He was accusing Israel of a great crime (Act 2:23) and warning them that they had rejected and crucified their own Messiah (Act 2:36). Peter was giving Israel one more opportunity to receive Christ. They had slain John the Baptist and Jesus, but God was now giving them another chance. The resurrection of Christ was the promised “sign of Jonah” that proved He was the Messiah (Mat 12:38-40).

Speeches (not verbatim, but summaries) in the Book of Acts:

By Peter; Chaps. 1,2,3,4,5,10,11,15
One each by Stephen and James – 7 & 15
By Paul; 13,14,17, 20, 28 and four defense in 22-26.

PETER'S SERMON – PART 2 – A CHURCH IS BORN -- ACTS 2:22-47

OBSERVATION

Act 2:25 For David says concerning Him: 'I FORESAW THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE MY FACE, FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.

Act 2:26 THEREFORE MY HEART REJOICED, AND MY TONGUE WAS GLAD; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL REST IN HOPE.

Act 2:27 FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN HADES, NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.

Act 2:28 YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.'

Act 2:29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

Act 2:31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Act 2:32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

INTERPRETATION

vs. 25-29 "The impossibility of David's words in Psalm 16 referring to David himself – Acts 2:25-28

Act 2:34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

Act 2:35 TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."

v. 29 "let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day."

v. 30 "knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him - The impossibility of God's promise being changed"

v. 31 "the resurrection of the Christ" –cf. (Apostle Peter) -Acts 1:22; 2:31; 4:2; 4:33;. (Apostle Paul) – 17:18; 17:32; 23:6; 23:8; 24:15; 24:21

APPLICATION

The resurrection as told in the Book of Acts:

By Peter:

Act 1:22) beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

Act 2:31) he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

Act 4:2) being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Act 4:33) And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

By Paul:

Act 17:18) Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

Act 17:32) And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."

Act 23:6) But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"

Act 23:8) For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

Act 24:15) I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

Act 24:21) unless it is for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day.' "

PETER'S SERMON – PART 2 – A CHURCH IS BORN -- ACTS 2:22-47

OBSERVATION

Act 2:33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

*Act 2:34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: **'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,***

Act 2:35 TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

THE CHURCH WAS BEGUN WHEN THE PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THAT MESSAGE – Acts 2:37-47

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said to them, **"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

*Act 2:39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and **to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."***

Act 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

INTERPRETATION

Vs. 34-35 "THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND.

v. 35 " TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL." – His ascension was prophesied by God –cf - Matthew 22:41-46

THE CHURCH WAS BEGUN WHEN THE PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THAT MESSAGE – Acts 2:37-47

v. 37 "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart" - They were convicted of sin - It is a sin problem that if it's not dealt with, I going to spend eternity without Jesus Christ!

v. 38 "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" - They were exhorted to repent and be baptized – What does the "remission of sins" refer to? (Mt. 28:19; 1 Peter 3:20 - The water does not save you, but it is a type. Death, burial and His resurrection) Saving "good bye to the old and are now a part of the new"!!!! th

v. 39 "to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." - Here, we see the believers today (ourselves)!!

APPLICATION

v. 37 - The men were convicted and asked Peter for counsel. Peter told them **to repent, believe and be baptized; in that way they would be identifying themselves with Jesus as the Christ.** This is **the same message John the Baptist (Mar 1:4) and Jesus (Mat 4:17) preached.** To make baptism essential for salvation and the receiving of the Spirit is to deny the experience of the Gentiles in Act 10:44-48, which is God's pattern for today. The Jews in Act 2:1-47 received the Spirit when they repented and were baptized; the Samaritans in Act 8:1-40 received the Spirit by the laying on of the apostles' hands; but believers today receive the Spirit when they believe, as did the Gentiles in Act 10:1-48. **There is no salvation in the waters of baptism, for salvation is by faith in Jesus.**

PETER'S SERMON – PART 2 – A CHURCH IS BORN -- ACTS 2:22-47

OBSERVATION

Act 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Act 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Act 2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Act 2:44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

Act 2:45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

Act 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

INTERPRETATION

v. 41 “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” - They were counted among the believers!

v. 42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” - They were committed to being a part of that local church

v. 44 “Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,”

v. 45 “and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.”

v. 46 “So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, - . They were concerned for one another

v. 47 “praising God and having favor with all the people. - They were constrained to praise God and reach others” – Notice well the result!!!

v. 42 -- Notice that the new community – the church:

1. It was a learning church!

2. It was a loving church!

3. It was a worshipping church!

4. It was a evangelistic church!

All those things must be voluntary!!!

IS THAT YOUR COMMITMENT???

APPLICATION

Questions:

1. On what is the church built upon?
2. Who crucified Jesus?
3. Is the resurrection of Jesus Christ emphasized in the Book of Acts? How important is that to you?
4. Can it be truthfully said that the resurrection is or should be the heart and soul of the church?
5. Do Jews generally believe that the Messiah will be the Son of David? (Mt. 22:41-46)
6. Do many Jews today question how Jesus, who died, could be the Messiah that will rule the world?
7. How did Peter use Psalm 16 to prove that the resurrection spoken of by David is not David? (v. 29, 34)
8. What is the sum and substance when you give your Christian testimony?
9. In verse 37, do you see conviction as being a part of believing? Do you think repentance is a lost are today?
10. Do you see yourself specifically mentioned in today's verses?
11. Do you think it's possible to have a church that does not include baptism? Is there salvation in the waters of baptism?
12. What four things are we told in today's study that are very important to a church.
13. Do you think there are any “perfect” churches today? Was the church described in chapter 2 a model of a perfect church?