

MEN AND BRETHERN, WHAT SHALL WE DO? ACTS 2

Text: Acts 2:37

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³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Introduction:

We have heard a lot about change in recent days, but the only One who can bring true change is the Lord.

The nature of sin always tears us down but the Lord has paid penalty of sin. He then builds us into His image in order to serve Him.

What happens when a person is born again? To be born again means there is a genuine change or one becomes a new creature.

When the Saviour went back to Heaven we see some changes in the church.

1. A CHANGE OF CONTROL – PERSON (HOLY SPIRIT) (VSS. 17, 33)

Acts 2:17

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Acts 2:33

³³ Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

A. The Holy Spirit Came Suddenly

Acts 2:2-4

² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- In many Christian circles the Holy Spirit is neglected, forgotten, or misunderstood. The One given to unite the body of Christ is the center of controversy.
- So often Christian work is so rigidly programmed that it seems we need no longer depend on Him—yet Jesus said, "Without Me you can do nothing."

Illustration:

The late Dr. A. W. Tozer, author and pastor, said, "If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference."

B. The Holy Spirit Spoke Through Men

Acts 2:4

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:13

¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

2. A CHANGE OF COMMUNICATION – (PREACHING)

Acts 2:17-18

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

A. A New Message (The Gospel) (vss. 5-13)

Acts 2:5-13

⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. ¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? ¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

3. A CHANGE OF CHALLENGE – (PASSION)

Read Acts 2:22-47