

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 // BOOK OF ACTS

PETER (ACTS 2:14-21)

PETER

Peter denied Jesus three times earlier. Now, filled with the Holy Spirit and fresh from the Pentecost experience, Peter finds new courage. The boldness of Peter can only be explained by the power of the Spirit working in him.

- **God can restore anyone! Not only can we be restored, but we can also be used in extraordinary ways by God.**

DRUNKENNESS?

In that day, it was unthinkable that people would be drunk so early in the day (about 9:00 am). Peter recites three OT passages to give clarity on what they just witnessed.

- This focus on God's Word did not quench the moving of the Holy Spirit; it fulfilled what the Holy Spirit wanted to do. **Teaching God's Word is vital for the Church.**

JOEL'S PROPHECY

The quotation from Joel 2:28-32 focuses on God's promise to pour out His Spirit on all flesh. The day of Pentecost was a near fulfillment of that promise, with the final fulfillment coming in the last days.

- Before (Old Covenant), the Holy Spirit was given in drops; now (New Covenant), He is poured out on all flesh.

WHO WILL BE SAVED?

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit meant that God now offered salvation in a way previously unknown—to whoever calls on the name of the Lord, whether they are Jew or Gentile.

- **The invitation to a relationship with Jesus is available to everyone.** However, not everyone will accept the invitation to be saved.

JESUS (ACTS 2:22-36)

NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT JESUS

Everything until this point had been introduction, explaining the strange things the people had just seen. Now, Peter would bring the essential message. Peter had not yet spoken about the saving work of Jesus on our behalf.

- **Are we proclaiming Jesus to people?** Or are we too afraid of what people may think or how they may respond?

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

Peter emphasizes both the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man. God handed Jesus over for crucifixion, but wicked men put Him to death. Peter didn't hesitate, saying, "you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross..."

- Peter's first concern was not to please his audience but to tell them the truth. **Do we aim to please God or please people?**

GOD RAISED HIM UP

Peter quotes Psalm 16:8-11, which the crowd was very familiar with, to show that the OT anticipated the resurrection of Christ. David foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of Christ. Psalm 16 is about Christ, not David.

- The crowd was in a place to listen to and receive Peter's message. **What is our posture when we approach God's Word?**

CERTAINTY

Peter teaches about Christ's crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, the Spirit, and how Jesus is now at the right hand of God. Peter points to Scripture, uses testimony, and reminds them of what they've seen.

- Peter wants them to know with certainty that Jesus is both Lord and Messiah. **Are we certain that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?**

REPENTANCE (ACTS 2:37-41)

CONVICTION

When the crowd heard Peter's message (not so much what they saw), "they were pierced to the heart" and asked, "what should we do?"

- Conviction is a necessary part of following Christ. Real conviction should lead us to ask, "what should we do?" **Does God's Word still pierce our hearts? How have we responded to conviction?**

REPENTANCE

Peter answers their questions with a clear action step: to repent. True repentance means turning away from sin and turning to God.

- Feeling sad about the consequences of sin is not sufficient. **Repentance involves a genuine hatred of sin and a desire to obey Jesus instead. All of this is possible if the Spirit lives inside of us!**

BAPTISM

The second thing Peter tells them to do is to be baptized. Baptism is a symbol of their belief and complete trust in Jesus. We do not need to be baptized to be saved, but if we are saved, then we will get baptized.

- First, one must **recognize their need**. Then they must **receive God's gift**, and finally, they must **obey the message**.

3,000 SOULS SAVED!

The church went from about 120 people to 3,120 people in one day! This is the power of the gospel through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers people to proclaim His Word.

- Our role is to depend on His Spirit to give us boldness and the words to say. **God is the only One who can save souls.** People's responses are out of our control.

NEW LIFE (ACTS 2:42-47)

DEVOTION TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING

Luke tells us that the early Church was devoted to certain activities. At the top of the list was their devotion to God's Word. We must run to God's Word daily.

- The Word of God is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (Psalm 119:105). We must not stray away from God's Word. **We don't have to wander in the dark.**

DEVOTION TO FELLOWSHIP (ONE ANOTHER)

The early Church wasn't just a group of people who believed the same things—they were people who lived for one another. Their spiritual unity turned into visible, sacrificial love.

- There are many "one another" passages in the NT. We will be known as followers of Jesus by **our love for one another** (John 13:34).

DEVOTION TO BREAKING BREAD AND PRAYER

They were devoted to the Lord's Supper. We need to prioritize remembering what Christ has done. They were also devoted to prayer (both public and private).

- **What is our heart posture when we take communion? How often do we talk to God? Do we only pray when we are inside of a church building?**

JOYFUL

They learned how to live and love together. They sold their possessions and made sure everybody had plenty. They met faithfully in the temple courts and house to house. They prayed, ate, and rejoiced together.

- **Christian community should be a joyful part of our lives.** We are designed to live in community.

GOD'S KINGDOM GROWS

What happens to Believers who worship, work, and witness for their Lord? The Lord grows the Church.

- If we will devote ourselves to what the early Church devoted themselves to, then we too can be used to help grow God's Kingdom. **All of us are called to be witnesses.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

- Peter's story should be an encouragement to us. **Regardless of our past, if we will humble ourselves and come to Jesus, we can have new life and a new purpose.**
- God can use us (ordinary people) to do extraordinary things. We can do amazing things because the Spirit lives inside of us. We have all we need in Him!

HUMILITY AND DESIRE

- In order for us to experience the Holy Spirit's power, we must acknowledge our need for a Savior.
- **Life is empty without Jesus.** This should lead to a desire for something greater.
- When we surrender and choose to call on His name, then we can experience new life and a new purpose.

REPENTANCE, BAPTISM, & OBEDIENCE

- *Repent* is a word of great hope. It says, **"You don't have to continue the way you've been going; you can turn to God."**
- A new life in Jesus means life is no longer about our kingdoms. As we fall more in love with Jesus, our obedience to Jesus grows (John 14:15). Baptism symbolizes our love for Jesus.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

- The early Church was intentional about their faith. Spiritual growth didn't happen by accident. Are we drifting spiritually or choosing devotion?
- Do we live as new creations in Christ? Are we part of the growth of God's Kingdom? **Does the joy of knowing Jesus show on our faces and in our lives?**