

Repent, Be Baptised And Receive The Holy Spirit – Acts 2:38

Ours is an age of the H-bomb, germ warfare and an ever-creasing threat of human annihilation, an era of 'X'-rated films and internet pornography and incredible political corruption.

As a result our collective conscience has been scarred and seared, made inactive.

As a people we would murder Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, if He appeared in the human flesh and indict us for our sins.

For we are little different to the generation of people who cried out for Jesus Christ to be crucified when He was a human being on earth, [Matthew 27:22-26].

But through logical, powerful, heartfelt preaching and through direct miracles, thousands of people began to realise the wretchedness of their lives.

They began to see that their “*establishment*,” religious and political was a sick and wretched thing, that had infected them personally.

For their generation had killed the promised Messiah they had been seeking for many generations.

Acts 2:22-24, 36-37 [New King James] “*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, Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*” ... “*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.*’ 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?*’”

What was Peter’s reply to these people who were spiritually honest and willing to face the facts that they had become callous and sinful and guilty before their God.

They needed help and forgiveness even as we do now in this generation.

Acts 2:38 [New King James] “*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.’*”

This one scripture sums up exactly what steps a sinner has to take to become reconciled to their Creator God.

Repent

Please download and study our article ‘*True Repentance*’ listed under sub-heading ‘*Repentance*.’ meditate on it on your knees before your Creator God and act on it.

Be Baptised

Please download and study our article ‘*Why Water Baptism?*’ listed under sub-heading ‘*Baptism*.’

After this, seek out a Christian group who believe and understand the true method of baptism by total immersion in water.

A Christian group who also makes God's Word, the Christian Bible, the foundation of all they teach.

In the name of Jesus Christ

Acts 4:12 [New King James] *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

Salvation is only through belief and trust in Jesus Christ, you are not saved from eternal death by being “baptised into a church denomination,” or through any human being.

Salvation is a personal relationship between you personally and your Saviour Jesus Christ.

For the Remission of Sins

Please download and study our articles ‘*Freely Receive Pardon And A Costly Sacrifice*’ and ‘*Total Forgiveness*’ both under sub-heading ‘*Forgiveness.*’

Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Please download, study and meditate on these articles on this website: ‘*Are We Ready To Receive The Holy Spirit?*’ and ‘*How Are We Filled With The Holy Spirit?*’ both under sub-heading ‘*Holy Spirit.*’

Allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through your life – the active indwelling of the Holy Spirit in your life is essential for you to mature as a disciple of Jesus Christ or even to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:5-11 [New King James] *“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*

Why is it so essential that the Holy Spirit is working actively in us?

Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth, [John 16:13].

Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all we have studied and meditated on in God's Word, the Christian Bible, when we need it to guide our lives, [John 14:26; Luke 12:11-12].

Our personal relationship with the Holy Spirit will cause the very characteristics of the Creator God's character to become ours, [Galatians 5:22-25].

The Holy Spirit will give immortal life to our physical bodies at the end of our physical life, [Romans 8:11].

This is the only hope for humanity and for you personally, so please do not turn your back on this knowledge and challenge you have just been given.

This is the decision and path I now urge you to take

Romans 12:1-2 [NIV] *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Only such a decision can ensure your salvation and eternal existence.

The word translated “*bodies*” is the Greek word “*soma*” meaning the whole life, physical body, mind and human spirit, [**Job 32:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Proverbs 20:27**].

Then the Holy Spirit will re-educate us away from the influence of this world that is at this present time rule over by Satan, [1 John 5:19].