

“WHAT SHALL WE DO?”

Acts 2:37

On the day of Pentecost following Christ’s ascension, Jews gathered in Jerusalem from every country asked Peter and the apostles, “*What shall we do?*” That’s a good question and it deserves an answer.

I. “HEAR THESE WORDS”

A. Acts 2:22, 29, 40

Before anyone asked him what to do, Peter repeatedly told his audience to hear him speak words to them.

B. Romans 10:17

The prerequisite to faith is hearing God’s word.

C. Acts 2:22-24, 29-32, 36

Specifically, what Peter said to these people was that Jesus was proven by His miracles, died according to an eternal plan, but did not deserve punishment, and the sins of his hearers were what caused that death, and then He rose from the dead.

D. 1st Corinthians 1:18; 15:1-5

God’s power to save is contained in a message and that message pertains to the cross. The fundamental tenets of the gospel are that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, rose from death, and was seen alive afterward.

II. “KNOW ASSUREDLY”

A. Acts 2:36-37

What brought this people to the point of conviction such that they asked what to do was the knowledge they had crucified Jesus and God made Jesus Lord and Christ. Such knowledge is also called faith.

B. Romans 1:16

Belief in the good news of Jesus is where salvation can be found.

C. John 3:14-18

The options are to perish, being condemned, or to be saved, living eternally and the difference is determined by whether or not one believes.

D. Hebrews 11:6

Faith is necessary to please God.

III. “REPENT... AND BE BAPTIZED”

A. Acts 2:38, 41

Having heard the gospel and being convicted by it, the people asked Peter what to do and he told them to repent and be baptized. They obeyed those simple instructions.

B. Acts 3:19

The removal of sins is predicated on repentance.

C. Luke 11:32; Jonah 3:10

Repentance amounts to turning away from evil behavior.

D. Acts 22:16

The removal of sins is predicated on baptism.

E. Acts 8:36-39; Colossians 2:12

Baptism is a burial that involves going down into water and coming up from it.

IV. “THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

A. Acts 2:42-47

The people weren't done after being baptized. They continued.

B. 1st Corinthians 15:58

Steadfastness is a requirement of Christians.

C. Colossians 2:6-7

Converts to Christ need to be rooted and grounded.