

The Coming of the Promised Holy Spirit Acts 2:42-47

³⁸Then 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.

Repentance is a change of mind, purpose, and life to which remission of sin is promised. But repentance comprehends not only such a sense of sin, but also an apprehension of mercy, without which there can be no true repentance ([Ps 51:1](#); [Ps 130:4](#)). If you ever think or believe that you have done something so bad that God won't or can't forgive you, then you have not experienced true repentance!

⁴¹Then those who gladly (**to delight, joyfully, they did it without compulsion**) received (**embrace heartily, accept gratefully**) his word were baptized; (**To baptize or immerse in or wash with water in token of purification from sin and spiritual pollution**) and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

Remember their question in Acts 2.37? **Their question was, "What shall we do," not "what shall we believe?"** Collectively the church in America knows what it believes but is clueless about what to do about it!

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV) ²⁴"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, **I will** liken him to a wise man (**obedience produces wisdom, therefore when we don't know what to do we just do what Jesus said**) who built his house on the rock:

How do I know if I gladly received the word of God?

1) They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine ([Acts 2.42](#)) ([John 1:7-10](#)) (NKJV)

⁷For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward. ⁹Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

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2) Fellowship, ([Acts 2.42](#)) is the breaking of bread. Fellowship is experienced as we do the work of God together.

- **Genuine fellowship is from God.**
- **Fellowship builds strong personal relationships.**
- **Genuine fellowship fosters the love of Christ.**
- **Fellowship is a gift from Christ.**
- **Others benefit from fellowship with us.**

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3) **Prayer (Acts 2.42)** The Biblical purpose of prayer is personal transformation.

- **Prayer is an opportunity to bring our will into line with God's plan.**
- **Prayer is an opportunity to demonstrate our trust in God.**
- **Prayer reflects our dependence on God.**
- **We should pray with confidence in God's grace.**
- **We should pray with humility and sincerity.**
- **Weekly prayer guide for our church (Evangelism).**

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Luke 18:13-14 (NKJV) ¹³And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

4) **Fear came upon every soul, (Acts 2.43)** **Malachi 1:6 (NKJV)** ⁶"A son honors *his* father, And a servant *his* master. If then I am the Father, Where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a Master, Where *is* My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

According to these verses what was the end result of those people gladly receiving the Word of God?

and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **(Metonymically of persons sent from God, whose character and acts are a manifestation of the divine power, things out of the ordinary,**

⁴⁴Now all who believed **(those who have believed, believers, Christians)** were together, **(Were united; were joined in the same thing)** and had all things in common, ⁴⁵and sold their possessions **(fixed property)** and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶So continuing daily with one accord **(unanimous consent, in one accord, all together)** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness **(joy, gladness, rejoicing)** and simplicity **(without guile and duplicity. Simplicity, sincerity, purity of intention)** of heart,

Matthew 25:40-45 (NKJV) ⁴⁴Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

⁴⁵Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.'

⁴⁷praising **(to sing praises, -- in the NT, it only refers to praising God)** God and having favor **(disposition, attitude toward another, favor, goodwill, benevolence)** with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. **(To rescue and preserve from that spiritual death which is common to all men because of Adam's sin.)**

Romans 5:12 (NKJV) ¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.