

# ROOTED IN JESUS



Bible Study



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# THE GOSPELS

*Covering the words and works of Jesus Christ*

**John 1:1-5,14** The \_\_\_\_\_, which was in the beginning, and was God, became flesh. Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God.

**John 1:11-13** If we believe in Him and receive Him, Jesus gives us power to become the sons of \_\_\_\_\_ by a supernatural birth. He spoke further about this new birth one night to a ruler of the Jews...

**John 3:1-8** The Lord told Nicodemus that everyone who wanted to see or enter the kingdom of God must be born again of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 3:16-21** Jesus also told Nicodemus that whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in Him shall have eternal life. Jesus mentioned two seemingly different requirements for salvation, one is being born again, the other is believing. Yet, this is not a contradiction. The next scripture explains how believing is related to experiencing the birth of the Spirit.

**John 7:38,39** Here we discover that if we believe on Him we will receive His \_\_\_\_\_. We find that scriptural belief is more than just a change in the way we think. It also results in a scriptural experience. Faith motivates us to obey and obedience brings God's acceptance and blessing.

**John 12:35,36 & 42,43** Today, just as in Jesus' day, many believe on Him. But, they will not \_\_\_\_\_ Him for fear of what others will do or say.

**John 12:44-48** In response to their fearfulness, Jesus warns that His \_\_\_\_\_ will judge us, so we must be careful not to reject it. Rather, we should believe and obey it...no matter what others say or do!



## John 17:17-20

In Jesus' prayer for His disciples, just before His crucifixion, He said God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_. He also prayed for us; and all those who would believe on Him through the Apostles' word.

To find out what the Apostles' message was to be, let us read what Jesus told them to proclaim. The setting of the following great commission scripture in Luke 24:45-49 is just after the Lord's death, burial and resurrection, and just before His ascension into heaven.

"Then he opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and **repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins** will be preached **in his name** to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are **witnesses of these things**. I am going to send you **what my Father has promised**; but stay in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ until you have been clothed with power from on high."

## Questions:

·Did the Apostles preach the message Jesus commanded them to proclaim?

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·How was the promise of the Father fulfilled?

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Let us continue our journey into the Word of God by seeing what was preached and what happened in Jerusalem...



# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

*Covering the actions and preaching of the Apostles*

**Acts 1:3-5** As we enter the Book of Acts, we discover almost immediately that the promise of the Father is the baptism of the

**Acts 2:1-17** When the Apostles were at Jerusalem, they, along with many others, were joyously filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other \_\_\_\_\_ as the Spirit gave them utterance, (the inspiration to speak). The amazed onlookers from many nations who heard them speaking with tongues asked, "What does this mean?" Then Peter explained the promised coming of the Spirit and went on to preach Christ and the original apostolic plan of salvation.

**Acts 2:36-39** When the people who heard Peter's words believed that Jesus Christ was their Lord and Savior, they were sorry for their sins and asked Peter and the Apostles what they should do. Peter replied by preaching the message Jesus commanded to be preached in Luke 24:45-49. In light of this, consider the three elements of the plan of salvation Peter preached in verse 38:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Forgiveness of sins through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus' Name**
3. **Receiving the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Ghost**



## NOTICE

Acts 2:38 is the fulfillment of the two "new birth" requirements Jesus mentioned in John 3:5 that were necessary to enter the kingdom of God!

**Water birth** = baptism in the name of Jesus Christ

**Spirit birth** = infilling of the Holy Ghost

Now, let's look at other examples of people being born again of water and the Spirit as the Word Jesus gave His apostles continued to be preached throughout the Book of Acts...



### **Philip preaching to the Samaritans in Acts 8...**

Some people say when they experienced joy, or when they believed in Jesus, or when they were baptized, they were automatically filled with the Holy Ghost, but what does the Word say?

#### **Acts 8:5-8**

Did they have great Joy?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

#### **Acts 8:12**

Did they believe in Jesus Christ?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

#### **Acts 8:14-17**

Were they baptized in His name?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Did they receive the Holy Ghost as a separate and distinct experience?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

### **Peter preaching to the Gentiles in Acts 10...**

Some people say being religious is enough, or that Spirit baptism evidenced by tongues was only for the Day of Pentecost. If the Bible says this is true, then it is true. But if the Word shows us through Cornelius' experience that this is not true...then it is not.

#### **Acts 10:1-2**

Was Cornelius a religious man?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

#### **Acts 10:5-6**

Did God have more for him to do?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

#### **Acts 10:44-46**

Did they receive the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues after the day of Pentecost?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

#### **Acts 10:47-48**

Did they still have to be baptized in Jesus' name?

yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_



## Paul preaching to John's disciples in Acts 19...

"Many people who are believers have not even heard about the Holy Ghost that is promised to them. Also, some people say it is not necessary to be baptized or re-baptized. (If you were baptized by John the Baptist, would you think it would be necessary to be re-baptized using a different baptismal formula?) Others say it does not matter what is spoken when you are baptized. If the Bible indicates it does not matter, then it does not matter. But what if the Bible shows us it DOES matter?"

**Acts 19:1,2** They were believers, but had they heard of or received the Holy Ghost?                      **yes** \_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_

**Acts 19:3-5** Did those baptized by John the Baptist have to be re-baptized in Jesus' name?                      **yes** \_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_

**Acts 19:6** Was receiving the Spirit accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues?                      **yes** \_\_\_\_ **no** \_\_\_\_



**NOTICE:** We have discovered that the Apostles preached the following salvation message:

- The life of Christ and His death, burial and resurrection
- Repentance toward God and belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour
- Baptism in water by immersion in Jesus' Name
- Receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost (which was accompanied by the initial evidence of speaking with other tongues.)

Now, let us read what the Apostles had to say about the message of salvation they proclaimed in the Book of Acts. We can do this by reading the Epistles (letters) they wrote to the converts.



# THE EPISTLES

*Covering the letters written by the Apostles to the churches started in Acts*

As we read the Epistles, we will notice how strongly the Apostles felt about the gospel (good news) of salvation. This is not because they were being judgmental, it is because they knew the Word Jesus had given them to proclaim was going to judge all men.

## What Did Peter Say?

"You have purified your souls by \_\_\_\_\_ the truth...being born again...by the word of God... and this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (Peter 1:22-25).

**We know that obedience to God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ our souls!**

**Peter asked...** "What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? (1 Peter 4:17,18).

**Paul Answered...** "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that **DO NOT OBEY the gospel** or our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

**It is eternally important to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel!**

## What Did Paul Say?

"But there are some that trouble you and would pervert the gospel of Christ, but though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so I say again, if any man preach any other \_\_\_\_\_ to you than that you have received already, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:7-9).

**There is only one gospel!**



## What Did James Say?

"Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be \_\_\_\_\_ of the word, and not \_\_\_\_\_ only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror: For after looking at himself goes his way and immediately forgets what he looks like" (James 1:21-24).

**James tells us that if we see something we need to do as we look into the "mirror of His word," we should follow through with it. Let's consider what we will do with what we have heard...**

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## CONCLUSION

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- **DO YOU BELIEVE** the word is true and will judge us?
- **DO YOU BELIEVE** Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour?
- **DO YOU BELIEVE** it is necessary to repent by determining to turn from sin and giving your life to God?
- **DO YOU BELIEVE** water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ is the biblical way to be baptized?
- **DO YOU BELIEVE** the baptism of the Holy Ghost is for you today, and when you receive it you will speak in other tongues, just as they did in the Bible?

*If you believe these things, pray right now asking God to allow you to experience all that He has for you!*

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