



MIDWEEK FILLUP | THE STUDY OF ACTS

ACTS 2:29-47

Peter proved David was not prophesying about himself, since David did die and see corruption (cf. Acts 13:34-37).

About whom was David speaking? (a) himself, (b) Buddha, (c) Christ, (d) Mary

Where would Christ then sit? Answer: Christ would sit on _____.

What event was David predicting? (a) the end of the earth, (b) the fall of Jerusalem, (c) his own death, (d) the resurrection of Christ.

Answer: _____.

How did Peter confirm that this had really occurred? Answer: The apostles were _____ that Jesus had been raised.

Comment: Peter showed that David was speaking as a prophet about his descendant the Christ, who would sit on David's throne. The prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus arose from the dead. The testimony of the apostles confirmed this to be true. Note that the apostles were bearing testimony of the resurrection, exactly like Jesus had said they would. And the Holy Spirit was empowering them to do so, as promised in Acts 1:8. This proved that Jesus was king and His kingdom had begun. Jesus was on David's throne!

Read Acts 2:33-36

What promise was fulfilled by the things the people were seeing and hearing? (a) the Holy Spirit had come, (b) Peter was Pope, (c) Abraham had returned, (d) all the preceding.

Answer: _____.

What passage is quoted in vv. 34,35 (see cross-references)? (a) Isaiah 53, (b) Jeremiah 31, (c) Genesis 2, (d) Psalm 110.

Answer: _____.

What conclusion did Peter want the people to reach (v. 36)?

Answer: Jesus is both _____ and _____.

Comments: Peter clearly says that the promise of the Holy Spirit had been fulfilled, just as had been predicted in Acts 1:3-8. But remember the kingdom would come when the Spirit came. Peter quoted Psalm 110:1-4, which said Jesus would rule at God's right hand as a priest after the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6-8 explains that this means He would be both king and priest at the same time. Peter here shows this has been fulfilled. The Spirit had come and Jesus was at God's right hand. Hebrews shows He is our priest now. Therefore, Jesus must be king now and His kingdom must have begun.

Proofs that the Kingdom Had Begun

- The Holy Spirit had come with power (cf. Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8)
- Jesus is on God's right hand (vv 33,34; cf. Psalm 110:1-4)
- Jesus is on David's throne (v30).
- Jesus would be King when He is priest (Psalm 110).
- See also Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9.

Some people say Jesus' kingdom still has not come even today. But Peter showed that Jesus' kingdom was in existence then, and people could become part of it. If Jesus is priest and king at the same time, then His kingdom must be spiritual in nature, not an earthly civil government (John 18:36). Our future studies will show that the kingdom is Jesus' church (Matthew 16:18,19).

The conclusion of this great gospel sermon was that Jesus is Lord (ruler) and Christ (the anointed one or the Messiah). God had anointed His son to serve as King over His people. The Jews had been responsible for the death of their own Messiah, the Son of God!

ACTS 2:37-41

THE REACTION OF THE MULTITUDE

Requirements of Forgiveness

How did the people react to Peter's sermon? Answer: The people were cut to the heart and asked, "What shall we _____?"

Were these people: (a) forgiven people asking how to show they had been forgiven, or (b) guilty people asking how to be forgiven?

Answer: _____.

What did Peter tell them to do about their sins? Answer: Peter said to _____

and be _____ in Jesus' name.

For what reason did he say they should be baptized? Answer: They should be baptized for the _____ of sins.

Clearly Peter's sermon had convicted these people of their guilt. They wanted forgiveness, so Peter told them how to receive it.

To "repent" means to change ones mind about sin (Matt. 21:28-32). A person must recognize his guilt and must decide to turn away from sin and begin obeying God. Many other passages show repentance is necessary to forgiveness (Acts 17:30; 2 Peter 3:9; Luke 13:3,5; 2 Cor. 7:10). Peter also said to "be baptized." Clearly Acts 2:38 does not refer to Holy Spirit baptism as promised to the apostles in Acts 1:3-8. That promise had been fulfilled in 2:1-4. Verse 38 refers to the baptism of the Great Commission, which all people are commanded to obey.

Note how this passage harmonizes with the Great Commission:

- Facts about Baptism Great Commission Acts 2
- Baptism commanded Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:19 Acts 2:38
- For all people Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:19 Acts 2:38,39
- Preceded by hearing Mark 16:15 Acts 2:14-40
- Preceded by faith Mark 16:16 Acts 2:36
- Preceded by repentance Luke 24:47 Acts 2:38

So here for the first time the apostles preached salvation through the death of Jesus as commanded in the Great Commission. All people ("every one of you" – v. 38) need to obey this instruction, because all need forgiveness (Rom. 3:23). This applies to future generations ("your children") and "all who afar off" (v39). This includes all of us today.

THE MULTITUDE'S RESPONSE

What further instruction did Peter give? Answer: He told them to be saved from that _____ generation.

How many obeyed and were baptized? Answer (give a number): _____.

How soon were they baptized? (a) Six months later, (b), never, (c) the same day, (d) they waited till a baptismal service weeks later.

Answer: _____.