

I. OVERVIEW (Acts 1,2)

- A. PREPARATION (1:1-26)
- B. OCCASION (2:1-13)
- C. EXPLANATION (2:14-36)
- D. APPLICATION (2:37-47)

II. THE APPLICATION OF THE WORD BY THE SPIRIT TO THE CHURCH (2:37-47)

A. INITIAL REACTION (2:37-41)

1. pierced to the heart (37; see Heb.4:12)
2. received his word; testimony, exhortation (41,37f /32,36 /8:14; 11:1; 17:11; 1Th.1:6; 2:13; v. Heb.3:8f)
3. repented from sin & were baptized for forgiveness, salvation (38; see, 40,47,21; see 1Pt.3:21)
4. received the gift of the Holy Spirit (38,41; see Lk.11:13; Gal.3:14)
5. for them and theirs (38,39; see 16:14f,31f; Rom.9:4,5; 11:16f; Dt.7:9; Ezk.18:5f)
6. church growth (41; see 1:15)

B. CONTINUAL RESPONSE (2:42-47)

1. continual devotion (42,46; see 1:14; 6:4; Rom.12:12; Col.4:2)
2. [(word + sacrament) prayer] fellowship (42; see 1Tm.4:12f; 1Cor.11:24f; 1Th.5:17; Heb.10:24f)
3. apostolic words & works (41,42&43; see 22; see Eph.2:20; Heb.2:4; 1Cor.12:28f)
4. the unity of the Spirit in the covenant of membership (body; 44-46 / 4:32f; 5:1f,4 / 1C12:25; 2C9:7)
5. temple: public, worship, together & homes: private, fellowship, apart (46; see Heb.10:24f & 13:2,16)
6. gladness & sincerity of heart (46; see 14:17; Ps.4:7; 42:4; 100:2; 122:1)
7. praise to God & praise from men (47; see Lk.2:52; see Mt.22:37,39)
8. church growth (47,41; se 4:4; 5:14; 6:1,7; 9:31f, etc.)

III. RECEIVE THE WORD! (Acts 2:37-47)

- A. **RECEIVE THE WORD!** (41,37f; see 32,36,38f; see 8:14; 11:1; 17:11; 1Th.1:6; 2:13; 2Tm.3:14f; vs. Heb.3:8f)
- B. **BUILD YOUR LIFE ON A SOLID FOUNDATION!** (38,42; see Eph.2:20; Mt.7:24f)
- C. **DEVOTE YOURSELF TO MEANS OF GRACE FOR ENDS OF GRACE!** (42; see Gal.5:16f; 2Tim.3:16f)
- D. **ASK NOT WHAT THE CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU...** (44f; yet 6:1f; see Dt.15:4,11; Rom.15:27; 1Cor.12:25; 2Cor.8:14; Tt.3:14)
- E. **BE FAITHFUL IN PUBLIC ORDINANCES & PRIVATE EXERCISES!** (46 /Heb.10:24f & 13:2,16)
- F. **BECOME A COMMUNITY: ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY!** (46 /Ps.122:1 & 42:4/5; 1Cor.11:18f)
- G. **HEALTHY, HAPPY CHURCHES GROW & MULTIPLY!** (36f,41 & 42f,47; see Acts 3-28)

Sermon discussion question: Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)