

I. Introduction.

- A. The significance of Peter's sermon at Pentecost.
- B. What is happening is a sign that the great promises of the Old Testament have been fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. v. 14-21 Joel. 2:28-32

II. We proclaim Jesus. v. 22-36

A. Jesus' life. v. 22

- 1. His miracles signify that He is the Messiah sent by God. Mt. 11:2-5 Isa. 35:5ff
Isa. 61:1 John 3:2
- 2. God continues to bear testimony to His Son.

B. Jesus' death – by crucifixion. v. 23

- 1. You put Him to death on a Roman cross. v. 23b,36b Mt. 27:15-25
- 2. Can such a charge be leveled against us/you? Romans 3:10ff,23 Isa. 53:6a
- 3. How could God allow the Christ to die in this way? v. 23a Gal. 3:13 Mt. 27:46
 - a. Jesus' death was necessary according to God's eternal plan. 3:18 4:27-28
Luke 24:26-27 Isa. 53:4,10
 - b. Jesus' suffering was necessary because He died as a substitute so that His people's sins might be forgiven. Isa. 53:5-6 Jo. 1:29 Mark 10:45 II Co. 5:21
- 4. Peter is not afraid to preach hard things.

C. Jesus' resurrection. v. 24-32 John 11:24-26

- 1. God has reversed your verdict by raising Jesus from the dead.
- 2. Because of Who He is, it was impossible for death to hold Him. v. 24 Ro. 1:4,25
- 3. Jesus' resurrection was prophesied centuries before in the Old Testament.
v. 25-31 I Co. 15:3-4 Luke 24:25-27,46 Ps. 16:8-11 89:3ff II Sa. 7:12ff
- 4. We are eyewitnesses of Jesus' resurrection. v. 32 1:3 3:15 4:2,10,33 5:30-32
10:39-41 13:30,37 17:31 26:23 I Co. 15:4-8 II Pe. 1:16
- 5. God still testifies that Jesus has been raised from the dead.
- 6. The resurrection is important! Rom. 10:9 1:4 4:25 6:4 10:9 I Co. 15:12-19

D. Jesus' ascension to heaven – exaltation. v. 33-35 1:3,9-11 Phil. 2:9-11

- 1. Forty days after the resurrection Jesus ascended to heaven. 1:9-11
- 2. Now, He leads and blesses His people through the Holy Spirit. v. 33 1:8 Jo. 16:7
- 3. He gloriously reigns in heaven until He returns to earth in triumph. v. 34-35
Ps. 110:1 He. 1:13 2:14ff I Co. 15:25 Gen. 3:15

**E. The verdict: God has made this Jesus, whom you rejected, Lord and Christ. v. 36
Ro. 10:9 1:4 I Co. 12:3 Phil. 2:9-11 Isa. 45:23 Peter also implies hope. v. 21**

III. This gospel demands a response. v. 37-42

A. Faithful gospel preaching will always produce a response. v. 37 II Co. 2:15-16

- 1. Peter's hearers are pierced by a conviction of sin. 16:30 Luke 3:10
- 2. Ultimately this faithful response is produced by God. John 16:8-11 Js. 1:18
- 3. Others are pierced with anger. 7:54ff I Co. 1:18ff 2:14 John 3:8
- 4. What is your response to the gospel? I Co. 1:18ff

- B. Repent (and believe) so that your sins may be forgiven. v. 38a 16:30-31
 - 1. Peter has great news for these sinners who are under conviction.
 - 2. Repent – turn away from your sins. v. 38a II Co. 7:10-11 Luke 15:18-19 18:13
 - 3. Admit that you are a sinner in need of salvation and turn your back on your old life. v. 40 Ro. 3:23

- C. Call, in faith, upon Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sin. v. 21, 41a 16:31 10:43
Eph. 2:8 John 3:16
 - 1. You cannot be saved by human works and ritual. Eph. 2:9 Ro. 3:20 Phil. 3:7-9
 - 2. You must trust in Jesus Christ Who died as a substitute for sinners, paying the full price demanded by God’s holy wrath against sin. I Pe. 3:18 II Co. 5:21

- D. Express your inward commitment to Christ through the sign of baptism. v. 38b,41
 - 1. The act of baptism does not save you. v. 21 16:31 Eph. 2:8-9 Jo. 3:16 Lu. 23:43
 - 2. Baptism is an outward symbol of the inward reality of your union with Christ.
Rom. 6:4-5
 - 3. Baptism is important – those who have personally repented and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ should be baptized. Mt. 28:19
 - 4. Baptism can be costly.

- E. Join a local church where you can participate in a community of fellowship, worship, and further spiritual blessings. v. 42-47

IV. Conclusion.

- A. The Lord offers rich promises to all who turn in faith to Him. v. 38c-39
 - 1. He will justly forgive all your sin. v. 38c,21 10:43 Ps. 103:12 I Jo. 1:8-9
 - 2. He will give you His Spirit who will indwell and transform you. v. 38d II Co. 5:17 I Co. 12:13
 - 3. His promise is extensive. v. 39,21 Isa. 57:19
 - 4. What have you done with Jesus Christ?

- B. Christians: Boldly proclaim the gospel Jesus’ apostles preached.

Discussion questions

1. What do Jesus’ miraculous works signify?
2. Is there any sense in which you are guilty of the death of Jesus?
3. Where in the Old Testament was Jesus’ resurrection prophesied?
4. How can we know for sure that Jesus has been raised from the dead?
5. Why did Peter’s hearers at Pentecost respond as they did?
6. What must you do in order to be forgiven of your sins?
7. Why is baptism important?
8. What can we learn from Peter’s message about how we should proclaim the gospel?
9. How does Peter’s gospel call differ from that of many popular preachers today?