

HIGHER AIM

Becoming an Acts 2 Believer

Part 5 | Acts 2:14-41

INTRODUCTION

We have been spending some time in Acts, unpacking Simon Peter's message at Pentecost. The Scripture tells us that he exhorted the people, and his words grabbed the hearts of the people and brought great conviction. Thousands came to Christ in this one event. Today, we are looking at verses 14-40, where the Bible is very clear about the essentials of what Simon Peter taught. If we are going to become Acts Chapter 2 believers, we need to learn how to share our faith, and we need to be Scripture saturated just as Simon Peter was.

KEY POINTS

1. You Must Give Your Life to Jesus

There are many people who have done the denominational thing all their life. They have been good church people and regular church attenders, but something is not right, and they know it. You may have the information, but you do not have the personal experience with Christ. Many people will miss heaven by about 12 inches...the distance between your head and your heart. The Bible says you must accept Jesus with your heart.

Simon Peter shared that he was a witness of Christ, and he had experienced Him personally. Nothing is more powerful than your personal testimony. You can know Scripture, you can be sprinkled or dunked, you can take communion many times, and still never give your life to Christ. You can be so close but yet so far away. When you truly give your life to Christ, something happens on the inside. I am not talking about a feeling; I am talking about a peace and a presence.

The moment you give your life to Christ, what happened at Pentecost happens to you. You are baptized with the Holy Spirit. There is only one baptism of the Holy Spirit; it happens at salvation. You must give your life to Christ. It does not mean much that your name is on a church roll. You must come to Jesus.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What signs or experiences in your life have shown you the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually giving your life to Him?
2. How does Simon Peter’s message help you understand the urgency of accepting Christ personally?
3. What holds people back from giving their lives fully to Jesus, even when they have been in church for years?
