

The Impact of the Church

Millennials were asked — does the church have a positive impact on the Country?

73% - Yes (2010)

55% - Yes (2015)

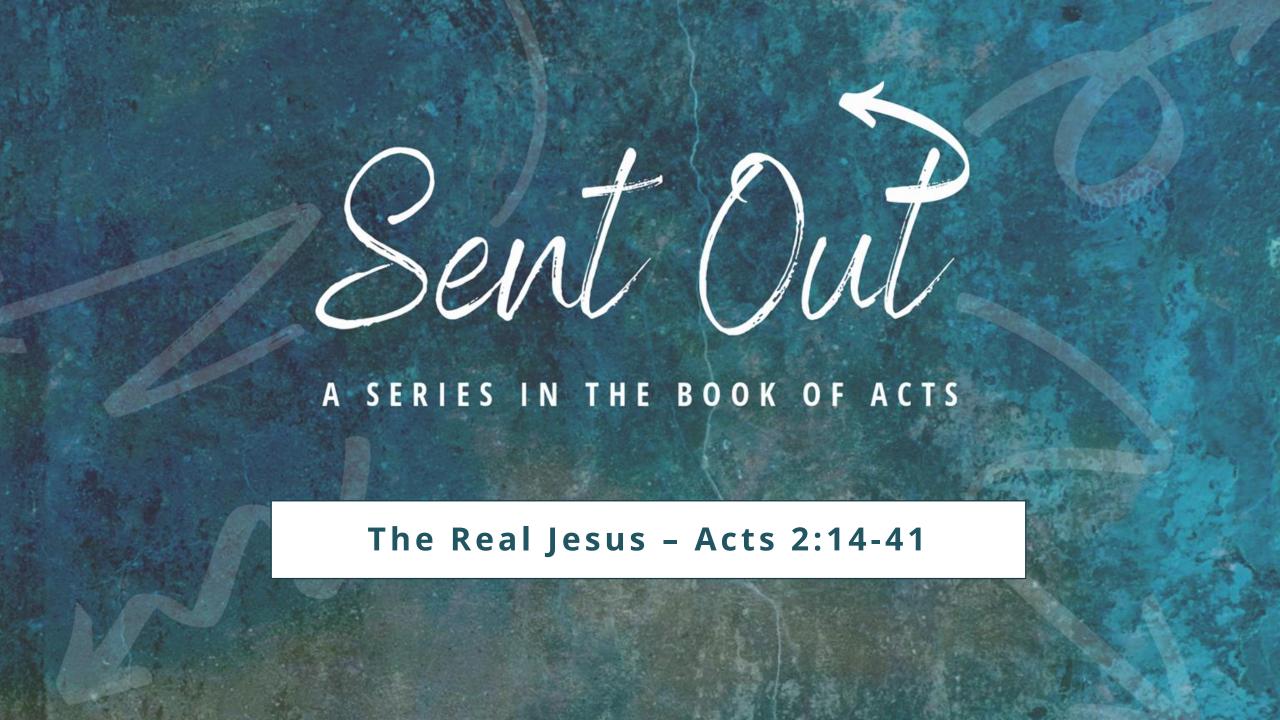
--Pew Research

Pelagianism

A heresy of Christianity that says original sin did not taint human nature and that we as humans are capable of choosing good or evil without special divine assistance.

Therefore we can earn salvation by our own efforts





The Spirit Has Come

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ...

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Acts 2:17, 21 NIV (Joel 2:28,32)



1. The Person of Jesus Christ

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. Acts 2:22-24 NIV

2. The Prophecy of David

"I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." Acts 2:25-28 NIV (Psalm 16:8-11)

3. The Witness of the Believers

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Acts 2:32 NIV

4. The Presence of the Holy Spirit

"Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

... "The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet'" Acts 2:33-34 NIV Psalm 110:1

"God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." Acts 2:36

To Save Sinners

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2:38-39 NIV

To Save Sinners

"Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:40-41 NIV

