



## **THE CHURCH IS BORN**

Acts...Now It's Our Time – Part 2

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*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*  
(Acts 1:8 CSB)

## **GOSPEL CENTERED MULTIPLICATION**

*Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, "Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let me explain this to you and pay attention to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it's only nine in the morning." (Acts 2:14-15 CSB)*

*After this I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will have dreams, and your young men will see visions. (Joel 2:28 CSB)*

### **1. GOD MEETS US WHERE WE ARE.**

### **2. GOD TELLS US THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES.**

*This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. (Acts 2:23 ESV)*

*Therefore, let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. (Acts 2:36 CSB)*

## **THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23 CSB)*

- We have preferred creation to the Creator
- We are smarter than God
- We have failed to acknowledge God as the giver of all good things

And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:24-25a ESV)

**PROPITIATION** – pacifying wrath by taking care of the penalty for the offense that caused the wrath.

### **3. GOD OFFERS US NEW LIFE IN THE GOSPEL.**

*Brothers and sisters, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not abandoned in Hades, and his flesh did not experience decay. God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. (Acts 2:29-32 CSB)*

- **Christ's victory over hell becomes our victory – CHRISTUS VICTOR**
- **No corruption in the flesh of Christ – IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21 CSB)*

### **4. WHERE THE GOSPEL IS PROCLAIMED, WE MUST RESPOND.**

*When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" (Acts 2:37 CSB)*

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38 CSB)*

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EARLY CHURCH**

**DEVOTION – GLADNESS - GENEROUS**