

Adult Bible Fellowship Sunday July 6 ,2025
“The Follow-up to Passover/Easter 2025” #14
“What happened AFTER Pentecost? What does it mean?”



Acts 2:38 “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 Holy Spirit.”

- What does it mean?
 - Invite to Declare my INDEPENDENCE from my sin nature; from the dominating power of the Dark Kingdom in my life! (REPENT)
 - I confess MY Sinfulness; I turn away from my self reliance & turn to God!
 - I Trust Jesus Christ’s death & resurrection to earn my Deliverance!
 - I Trust God the Father / God the Son / God the Holy Spirit to EACH do their work to DELIVER me from my sin bondage & sin condemnation.
 - I trust God the Father / God the Son / God the Holy Spirit to EACH do their work of transforming me into a ‘new creation in Christ’ with a new relationship with EACH of them and a new eternal destiny (Heaven)!
- Is baptism a requirement for Salvation? No! It is the public declaration of my allegiance to Jesus Christ as my Savior & Lord; and acknowledgement of the work of God in all His saving work being accomplished in my life!
- What is MY role in MY salvation? Confess & Repent of sin / Believe & Trust in Jesus
- What is God the Father’s Role in my Salvation? Forgive sin (Ephesians 1:7) / Justify (Romans 4:25) / Adoption (Romans 8:14-17)
- What is God the Son’s Role in my Salvation? Redemption (1 Peter 1:18,19) / Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-20) / Atonement (1 John 4:9,10; 1 John 2:2)
- What is the Holy Spirit’s Role in my Salvation? Regeneration (John 3:3-7) / Sealing our Salvation (Ephesians 1:13,14) / Baptized into union with Christ (Romans 6:1-14)
- Was the offer exclusive to that group only at that time? No! Available to all (2 Peter 3:9)
- Is the METHOD of my Baptism significant? YES! In immersion I am submerged under the water as a symbol of my association with the death & burial of Jesus / as I’m drawn up from the water as a symbol of my association with Jesus in His resurrection to new life!
- Is the TIMING of my Baptism significant? YES! Baptism and Communion are BOTH significant ONLY AFTER I have trusted Jesus Christ for my Salvation and been ‘redeemed’, ‘forgiven’, ‘cleansed’, ‘adopted’, ‘regenerated (born again)’ etc.
- Is there a limit on the number of TIMES I can be Baptized? NO! While we have no Biblical record of anyone being baptized more than once, because it is a public declaration of my allegiance to Jesus my Savior & Lord; and because it affirms the life transforming work of God in me, the Holy Spirit may lead me to be baptized several times in several different settings, depending on my life circumstances.

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Acts 2:39 “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- WHO is included in this, who is excluded from it? **This invitation to salvation & baptism is God’s desire for EVERY person. (2 Peter 3:9) Only I can exclude myself by my refusal to trust fully in God’s Salvation plan and trust Jesus to save me!**

Acts 2:41 “Those who accepted his message were baptized and about 3000 were added to their number that day.”

- What does it mean? **Jesus’ Ekklesia (Matthew 16:18) was birthed on this day with 3000 redeemed, regenerated believers in Jesus! It is intended to include every nation, tribe, people and language from the entire world, from all time!**

Acts 2:42 “They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

- What does “they devoted themselves” mean? How do we measure that devotion today?
- What do each of these mean:
 - “The apostles teaching” _____
 - “(The) Fellowship” _____
 - “The breaking of bread” _____
 - “Prayer” _____
- How do we see each of these as significant in our ABF?

Acts 2:43 “Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles...”

- Who is “everyone”? _____
 - What is “filled with awe”? _____
 - What ‘many signs & wonders performed by the apostles? _____
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- Is this happening TODAY?
 - If so, what does it look like?
 - If not, why not?