

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 6-22-25  
Christianity 103 – Message 2 Part 3  
Peter speaks to the people.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Acts will challenge us to confront the way we as believers are choosing to live our lives and whether we are simply attending church or being the church.
- 2) God is and will continue to reveal whether you are simply attending or being the Church.
- 3) Peter stood up that day and began to speak to those who were gathered.
- 4) Peter proclaimed the long-awaited great day has come. Acts 2:21
- 5) Peter shifted the message toward their personal understanding.
- 6) Peter spoke of David. Psalm 16:8-11

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Let's continue to look at Peter's message.

2. God sent the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:33-36

a. The fulfillment of a promise.

- 1) Verse 33 – Peter again states that –
  - a) Peter is testifying this was God – “He has made this outpouring which yourselves both see and hear.”
- 2) Verses 34-35 – Peter brings David back into the conversation. Psalm 110:1

b. Peter now makes a bold but accurate statement.

- 1) Verse 36 – “whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

3. What happened next? Acts 2:37-39

a. “They were pricked in their hearts.”

- 1) What is supposed to happen when a person hears truth?
  - a) Many Jews that day were “pricked in their hearts”.
  - b) This speaks of being pierced, to become moved or affected deeply.
- 2) Conviction seems to have prompted a question – “men and brethren, what shall we do?”
- 3) This is also a good question for the Body of Christ today.
  - a) They were guilty of killing Jesus. Is the Church guilty today of –
- 4) We may want to push back on this.
  - a) Could this be a difference between attending and being the Church?

b. Obedience is a key principle.

- 1) Matthew 7:21-23 –
- 2) When a person is born again the Spirit of God takes up residence in their life and it is the Spirit that enables them to know and do God's will.
  - a) Words and works are not a substitute for obedience.
- 3) A false profession will last until the judgement comes and no longer.

4. What will they do? Acts 2:38-39

a. The Holy Spirit is moving.

b. Repent: Verse 38

- 1) Verse 38 – Repent –
  - a) It means to change one's mind for the better, to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins.
- 2) Repentance is critical for without it a life will not be changed.
- 3) A part of this repentance is belief.

c. Baptism. Verse 38

- 1) This new life in Christ is not something that is to be hidden or kept secret.
- 2) Because of the translation of the KJV here it gives the impression that in order to be saved that a person must be baptized.
  - a) The word "eis" which is translated here "for" means "on account of."
- 3) Submitting yourself to be baptized is a step of obedience to the leading of the Spirit and in so doing provides you the opportunity to identify with the Body of Christ.
  - a) It is a picture of your sins being washed away.
  - b) It is a picture of your death and new life in Christ.

d. This promise continues to flow. Acts 2:39

- 1) Look at the extent of this promise –

5. Today's Take Away:

- a. How do you respond to such GRACE being poured out for the people who rejected and put to death the Son of God?
- b. It will be a battle shifting from just attending to being the Church. That battle will include -