

October 16, 2022 Adult Bible Study:

## A Sure And Certain Hope

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: How do you know something is “certain”?

Q: What happens when things are “uncertain”? What effect does that have on us?

### Table Time...

**READ: Hebrews 9:11-14** “But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

Q: According to verse 11-12, what has Jesus done for YOU?

Q: What’s the argument of verse 13-14? Why is THAT a comfort?

Q: What’s the effect of Christ’s death for us?

Q: What are the “dead works” verse 14 is talking about?

**READ: Acts 2:22-24** “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”

Q: According to verse 24, what did God do? What was the result of that?

**READ: Acts 2:36-39** “Let all the house of Israel **therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ**, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the

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apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "**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.** <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Q: According to verse 36, what are we to "know for certain"?

Q: According to verse 38, what does Peter command as a response to this? AND, what do you receive?

Q: According to verse 39, "who" is this promise FOR?

### **Big Group Debrief...**

**READ: Acts 2:42-47** "<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Q: What happened AFTER their baptism?

Q: Why is the "apostle's teaching and the fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers" important?

Q: How is THAT related to our 5 Mission Pillars?

Q: According to verse 44-45 how did this impact them practically?

Q: What were the "new normal" practices of the early Church?

Q: According to verse 47, what was the impact of their community? Or another way of asking: What was their "witness" because of this?

Q: How can the certainty of Christ's Death and Resurrection give you HOPE!