

Acts 2:37-47

<sup>37</sup>Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

<sup>38</sup>Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles (*Gr- and to those far away*) – all who have been called by the Lord our God."

<sup>40</sup>Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

<sup>41</sup>Those who believed what Peter said were Baptized and added to the church that day – about 3,000 in all.

<sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostle’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals ( including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup>And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup>They sold their property and possessions and shared their money with those in need. <sup>46</sup>They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - <sup>47</sup>all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

# The Good News of Repentance

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” - John the Baptist, Matthew 3:2

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near” – Jesus, Matthew 4:17

“Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You will be my witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

-Jesus, Luke 24:47-49

“I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.” Paul, Acts 20:21

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# How to live life in the midst of a wicked world?

Jeremiah, “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” – God, Jeremiah 29:5-7

“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4

“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders, and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.” – 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12



# Letter to Diognesis – “What is a Christian?”

–2<sup>nd</sup> Century

# 1 Peter 2:9-17