

Focus: There is only *ONE NAME* that can meet man's *greatest* need (forgiveness), and satisfy his every *need*. We must call upon that name *alone* to be saved.

**Introduction** - My 1<sup>st</sup> sermon vs. Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> sermon? His was A Great Sermon!  
Through this 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelistic Crusade – The Church is Born!

## **I. Through the Preaching of the Word**

### A. Opening the Word of God

1. Peter was filled with the Word!
2. Using the Word of God, he explained what was happening:
  - Joel
  - David and the Psalms – Psalms 16 & 110

### B. By the Power of the Spirit

- Peter was “filled with the Spirit”
- Clearly, so was his preaching! 3000 added!

## **II. Built On Jesus: Both Lord & Christ**

### A. God's Only Son

v.22 – The Incarnation

v.23 – The Crucifixion

NOTE: There is no tension between divine Sovereignty and man's undeniable accountability in the book of Acts. (cf. 3:17; 4:27,28)

v.24 – The Resurrection!

### B. David's Greater Son – Psalm 16

1. Takes the Psalms – David's own words – and shows that
  - David Prophesied
  - Of the Promised Messiah – (2 Samuel 7:11-16; Psalm 132:11)
  - Psalm 16 is about the Messiah/Jesus, not David!

### C. Crucified & Raised – Resurrection is at the heart of this message!

1. Resurrection (31,32)
2. Exaltation (33)
3. He is both Lord and Christ (Messiah, Savior) (36)
  - Psalm 110:1 (vs.34,35)
  - *God* has given him to Rule and save. (36)

### **III. Filled With His Spirit** – the church is *Sustained by the Power of the Spirit!*

- A. “What does this mean?” (12)
- B. For Everyone whom the Lord God Calls! (21)
  - Promise is for you – your children – those “far off”, too.
- C. The offer of salvation & the gift (outpouring) of the Spirit are tied together!
  - 39b “Everyone whom the Lord God calls to himself”
  - picks up on v.21 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved”. Meaning?? The language in 39 is “inclusive”, not exclusive! (Calvin’s Commentaries Vol. XVIII, p.92 in Acts)

### **IV. Entered Only In Humility** v.36

- A. Guilty???
  - Problem understanding/accepting that we have sinned against God??
  - Rejected and killed his prophets in the past – and now have killed his Son?
- B. Humble Response - What Shall We Do? *Another Great/Perfect question.*
  - 1. Repent!
    - a. Repentance = To “Turn”
      - always means “turn away from sin and to God”  
(Mark 1:15; Matthew 4:17, 3:19, 17:30,31, 20:21, 26:20)
    - b. Be Baptized - Symbolizing “what”?
      - Faith in **Jesus!**
      - For the *forgiveness of sins!*
  - 2. Receive the Holy Spirit

### **Conclusion: What Shall We Do?**

- 1. The message is plain – even simple. It is about Jesus Christ. It demands a response.
- 2. Make sure you really “hear” the message. Well over 3000 were there that day. “Only” 3000 heard.
- 3. Know the joy of sharing this “simple” message. The Simple message??
  - God sent His Son in to the world - He died for our sins (not his own)
  - God showed his love for him by raising him from the dead!
  - He reigns now in heaven, and grants both forgiveness and His Spirit
  - To those who call upon his name in repentance and faith

Have you taken that message with its promise and power into your own heart and life?? You will know it by its transforming power! Just look at the transformation in the preacher who brought this message!