

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

LESSON 8

The birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ made salvation possible for every person. Yet, the unfortunate reality is that not everyone will be saved. The redemption and salvation of the cross must be individually _____ and _____ to our lives.

I. THE GREAT COMMISSION: (Read Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16-17; Luke 24:46-49)

- a. Three accounts of the Great Commission. They must be viewed together to provide the full picture. They should be viewed as an _____ of each other.

- b. Elements of the Great Commission:
 - i. _____ the Gospel
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
 - v. Water _____
 - vi. _____ Infilling
 - vii. _____ Signs

- c. The Great Commission matches the message of John the Baptist (Matt 3:11)

II. JESUS LAST WORDS AND ASCENSION: (READ ACTS 1:3-9)

- a. He reminded the disciples about the _____ of the _____ (i.e. the Holy Ghost)
- b. Admonishes them to do _____, until they receive it.

III. THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH:

- a. The Day of _____

Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The church did not exist until the Day of Pentecost. It was prophesied about, but did not come into being until men and women were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost was the Jewish _____ of _____ (Shavout), which commemorated the giving of the Law and the _____ at Mt. Siani.

- i. _____ disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, including _____ the mother of Jesus, His _____, and the _____.
- ii. When the Day of Pentecost came, they were _____ filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with _____.
- iii. This event fulfilled OT prophecies. (Read Isaiah 28:11-12, Jeremiah 31:31-33, Ezekiel 36:26-27, and Joel 2:28-29)
- iv. This event fulfilled the promise of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. (See John 7:37-39)
- v. Many Jews from other countries had gathered in Jerusalem for this Feast of Weeks. Some mocked them and others were amazed about this supernatural experience and asked Peter two important questions:
 1. _____? (Acts 2:12)
Peter answered this first question with the Gospel – the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Read Acts 2:22-24)
 2. _____? (Acts 2:37)
Peter answered the second question with the _____ of _____. (Read Acts 2:38-39)

IV. PETER FULFILLS THE GREAT COMMISSION BY PREACHING THE PLAN OF SALVATION:

- a. This was the _____ that any disciple of Christ had to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus. How did they do it?
- b. Those listening to Peter heard the Gospel and they believed it. Yet, there was still something for them to do:
 - i. Repentance: Dying to sin and self. _____, _____, and _____ from sin.
 - ii. Baptism: Burial of the old life with Christ. (See Romans 6:3-4)
 1. Baptism is to be administered in _____.
 - a. This is not a contradiction of the Great Commission recorded in Matthew 28:19, but the _____ of it.
 - b. There is only _____ that saves us. (Acts 4:12)
 2. Baptism is for the _____ of sins.
 3. Peter elevates baptism to an essential part of the plan of salvation. (See also Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:20-21)
- c. Peter then shared with them God's promise to fill them with the Holy Ghost just as He had filled the 120. The promise was to _____, to their _____, and to _____ that were afar off. (v.39)

V. HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM:

- a. It is _____ (1 Corinthians 12:13; John 3:5)
- b. It is supernatural (John 3:8)
- c. It is accompanied by the _____ of speaking in tongues. (Read Acts 10:44-46)
- d. Why tongues? Because the tongue is the _____ part of our body. (Read James 3:2-8)