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PETER PREACHED* (Acts 2:14-41)

PENTECOSTAL PREACHING---EVANGELISTIC -- SSO 36

I. EVENTS PRECEDING THE SERMON -----

*Act 2. Pivot,
taught according
to the Command*
Reception of H.G.
A. ~~The second chapter of Acts is one of the outstanding and pivotal chapters of the Bible.~~ The disciples had tarried in Jerusalem in prayer and supplication. They had obeyed the instructions of Jesus to wait for divine empowering, and now they had been "filled with the Holy Ghost." He had ~~taken possession of them. The Spirit of God dominated and gave them unusual and unnatural power.~~

Began preaching
People amazed
Peters Sermon
B. ~~The disciples "began to speak with other tongues,~~ as the Spirit gave them utterance." The people of Jerusalem were amazed. There were Jews dwelling there "out of every nation under heaven" and every man heard the disciples speak in his own language. It is no wonder that they asked one another "What meaneth this?" Peter answered in a sermon which is given us as an ideal for all times. It is especially patterned for evangelistic preaching.

II. THE SERMON -----

A. ~~It was full of Scriptural references.~~ Peter explained the miracle of Pentecost- the miracle that they were questioning- by quoting from the prophecy of Joel. He also Quoted and interpreted David's prophecy concerning the resurrection of Christ. Many modern sermons need more of the Word of God, Peter's was filled with it.

B. ~~It was free from references to himself.~~ It is remarkable that Peter did not fall into the blunder of displaying himself. In all the sermon there is but one indirect reference to himself, in the statement that "we all are witnesses." He did not exalt himself. Often we count the personal pronouns of a preacher, and find that he often exploits his own triumphs more than the triumphs of the Saviour.

*died for sin
resurrected for Victory*
C. ~~It put emphasis on the substitutionary death and resurrection of Jesus.~~ The resurrection certifies that Jesus is Lord and Christ. In these two acts we have the whole plan of redemption, and Peter, therefore, preached the whole Gospel.

D. ~~It contained help for sinners.~~ It dealt with sin and divine judgment; It also dealt with love and divine mercy. The one was to be feared, and the other to be grasped. It emphasized that repentance and faith assured complete salvation.

E. It gave instruction to the new converts. When the hearers gladly received the Word and desired to know what was expected of them, their duty was explained. They were ready to obey as all new converts are. To fail here would have been a tragedy. Every sermon ought, therefore, to have a word for both the penitent and those who are saved, as well as for the ungodly. *cf 2:38*

III. RESULTS OF THE SERMON -----

A. There was a great baptismal service. Many who heard the sermon accepted christ and made public confession by means of baptism. Three thousand new members were received into the Church on that day. It was the greatest day that they had ever seen; Not many such days have been seen since.

B. There was a generous collection. Their dedication to God was complete. They even sold their lands and brought the money to the apostles to be used in the kingdom work. A genuine revival of grace always leads those that are blessed thereby into a spirit of liberality.

C. There was godly living. The Scriptures say that they "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." They were also given to prayer. They lived as godly men ought to live, faithful in their relationship to each other and to God.

SEVEN STEPS IN SALVATION

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(Acts 2:37,38; 16:31-33)

1. Conviction: "They were pricked in their heart." *2:37*
2. Repentance: "Peter said unto them, Repent." *2:38*
3. Pardon: "For the remission of sins." *2:38*
4. Faith: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" *16:31-33*
5. Regeneration: "And ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." *2:38*
6. Baptism: "And be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus." *2:38*
7. Fruitbearing: "And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes." *16:33*