

“God Is Offering His Life In Exchange For Ours!”

Acts 2:37-47

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Acts 2:36-47 (NKJV)

Review

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1) Preaching (Proclaiming & Sharing)

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Complete Good News Of Faith & Truth

1) Christ Has Come & Lived Perfectly Among Us

2) Christ Has Truly Died & Has Truly Risen From The Dead

3) Christ Has Ascended Into Heaven & Makes Constant Intercession For Us All

4) Christ Has Sent His Holy Spirit To Live Within Us & Guide Us Into All Truth

5) Christ Has Entrusted Us With Preaching Repentance & Forgiveness Of Sins In His Name

6) Christ Has Asked Us To Serve Others & Teach Them Everything He Taught Us!

7) Christ Shall Come Again To Judge The Living & The Dead

& Take Us To Heaven To Live With Him Forever

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Complete Life Change

(Repentance, Salvation, Sanctification, Obedience, & Unity)

1) Age Of Fulfillment Becomes Reality (Time Of Fulfillment Is Here)

Complete With Signs (Miracles & Wonders)

2) Ancient Prophecies In The Old Testament Fulfilled By Christ In The New Testament

(With Some Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled Concerning The Last Days)

3) Proclamation: Preaching & Teaching Of The Good News

4) Call To Repentance In Honor Of Christ's Sacrifice

5) Reception & Forgiveness Of Sins In Christ (Redeemer / Savior)

6) Call To Surrender One's Will To God's Will In Christ (Lord / Master)

7) Call To Holiness & Service In The Name Of Christ

Review

Let's Review & Resume These **7# Teaching Concepts**

Leading To A Complete Life Change For The Believers & Followers Of God

Complete Life Change

1) Age Of Fulfillment Becomes Reality (Time Of Fulfillment Is Here)

Complete With Signs (Miracles & Wonders)

Acts 2:14-16 & 22 (NKJV)

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, **Raised His Voice** and said to them, *"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let **This Be Known** to you, and **Heed My Words**. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **But This Is What Was Spoken by the Prophet Joel ...**" & *"Men of Israel, **Hear These Words** **Jesus of Nazareth, A Man Attested by God** to you by **Miracles, Wonders, & Signs** which **God did Through Him** in your midst, as you yourselves also know."* **Acts 2:14-16 & 22 (NKJV)***

Prophecies & Signs Already Occurred In The **Past** At **Christ's Crucifixion**

1) Sun Darkened & Moon To Blood

2) Earthquake & Temple Mount Shaken & Curtain Torn In Two

Prophecies & Signs Already Occurred In The **Past** At **Christ's Resurrection**

3) Graves Opened & Saints Moving Through Streets Of Jerusalem

4) Christ's Stone Rolled Away & Soldier's Struck Down

Prophecies & Signs Already Occurred In The **Past** At **Christ's Resurrection**

5) Many Eye Witness Accounts (>500) To Seeing & Speaking With The Risen Christ

6) Many Eye Witness Accounts To Christ's Ascension Back To Heaven

Prophecies & Signs Occurred In The **Past** At **Pentecost**

7) Many Eye Witness Accounts (≥3,000) To Hearing The Sound Of A Mighty Rushing Wind

8) Many Eye Witness Accounts (≥3,000) To Hearing

11 Apostles Speaking Different Known Human Languages

Prophecies & Signs Yet To Occur In The Future

1) The Sun Turned Into Darkness & The Moon To Blood

Before The Great & Awesome Coming Of The Day Of Christ's Return To Earth

2) Final Resurrection On The Last Day

Awaiting David & All Those Who Have Died In Faith To Be Raised From The Dead

Review

Complete Life Change

**2) Ancient Prophecies In The Old Testament Fulfilled By Christ In The New Testament
(With Some Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled Concerning The Last Days)**

Acts 2:14-21 & 2:25-31 (NKJV)

*“Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and **Heed My Words**. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was **Spoken by the Prophet Joel**: ‘And it shall come to pass in the **Last Days, Says God**, that **I Will Pour Out My Spirit On All Flesh**; **Your Sons and Your Daughters shall Prophecy, Your Young Men shall See Visions, Your Old Men shall Dream Dreams. And on My Men Servants and on My Maid Servants I Will Pour Out My Spirit in Those Days**; and **They Shall All Prophecy. I Will Display Wonders in Heaven Above and Signs in the Earth Below: Blood and Fire and Vapor of Smoke. The Sun shall be turned into Darkness, and the Moon turned into Blood, Before the Coming of the Great and Awesome Day of the Lord. And it shall Come to Pass that Whoever Calls on the Name of the Lord shall be Saved!**” **Acts 2:14-21 (NKJV)***

*“For **David** says concerning **Him**: ‘I foresaw the **Lord** always before my face, for **He** is at **My Right Hand**, that I may not be shaken. Therefore, **My Heart** rejoiced, and **My Tongue** was glad; moreover, **My Flesh** also will rest in hope. For **You** will not leave **My Soul in Hades (Sheol)**, nor will **You** allow **Your Holy One** to see corruption. You have made known to Me the Ways of Life; You will make Me Full of Joy in Your Presence!’” “Men and brethren, let me **Speak Freely** to you of the **Patriarch David**, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a **Prophet**, and knowing that **God** had sworn with an oath to him that of the **Fruit** of his body, **According to the Flesh, He would Raise Up the Christ** to sit on his throne, **David**, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the **Resurrection** of the **Christ**, that **His Soul** was not left in **Hades (Sheol)**, nor did **His Flesh** see corruption.” **Acts 2:25-31 (NKJV)***

Complete Life Change

3) Proclamation: Preaching & Teaching Of The Good News

Acts 2:22-24 & 32-33 & 36 (NKJV)

*“Men of Israel, hear these **Words: Jesus of Nazareth, A Man Attested by God** to you by **Miracles, Wonders, & Signs** which **God** did **Through Him** in your midst, as you yourselves also know. **Him**, being delivered by the **Determined Purpose and Foreknowledge of God**, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; **Whom God Raised Up**, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that **He** should be held by it! This **Jesus, God has Raised Up**, of which **We are All Witnesses**. Therefore, being **Exalted** to the **Right Hand of God**, and **Having Received from the Father the Promise of the Holy Spirit, He Poured Out this** which you **Now See and Hear.**” ... Therefore, now let all the **House of Israel Know Assuredly** that **God** has made this **Jesus, Whom** you crucified, both **Lord (Adonai)** and **Christ (Messiah)!**” **Acts 2:22-24 & 32-33 & 36 (NKJV)***

Resume New Teaching

Complete Life Change

(Conviction Of Mind, Heart, & Soul Leading To True Repentance)

4) Call To Repentance In Honor Of Christ's Sacrifice

Now when *They (All the People Gathered)* heard this, they were Cut to the Heart (*Convicted In The Spirit*), and said to Peter and the Rest of the Apostles, “Men & Brothers, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, ... And with Many Other Words He Testified & Exhorted Them, saying, “Be Saved from this Perverse Generation!”

Acts 2:37-38a & 40 (NKJV)

Complete Life Change

(Repentance Leading To Salvation, Which In Turn Leads To Sanctification)

5) Reception & Forgiveness Of Sins In Christ (Redeemer / Savior)

Peter Continues, “Repent, and let every one of you be Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the Remission (*Removal – Forgiveness*) of Sins; and you shall Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. For the Promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord Our God Will Call.”

Acts 2:38-39 (NKJV)

Complete Life Change

(Salvation & Sanctification Leads To True Adoption Into God’s Eternal Family)

6) A Call To Surrender One’s Will To God’s Will In Christ (Lord / Master)

“Then Those Who Gladly Received His Word Were Baptized; and that Day about Three Thousand Souls Were Added to Them.”

Acts 2:41 (NKJV)

Complete Life Change

(Adoption Allows God’s Holy Spirit To Transform Us In Way Of Holiness

God’s Holy Presence Creates In Us A Spirit Of Unity & Service)

7) A Call To Holiness & Service In The Name Of Christ

And They All Continued Steadfastly in the Apostles’ Doctrine & Fellowship, in the Breaking of Bread, & in Prayers. Then Fear (*Awe*) came Upon Every Soul, & Many Signs & Wonders were done Through the Apostles. Now All Who Believed Were Together, & had All Things in Common, and Sold Their Possessions & Goods, & Divided Them Among All, as Anyone Had Need. So, Continuing Daily With One Accord in the Temple, & Breaking Bread from House to House, they Ate Their Food with Gladness & Simplicity of Heart, Praising God & Having Favor with all the People. And the Lord Added to the Church Daily Those Who Were Being Saved!”

Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

Q: “Why Is A Complete Life Change In The Name Of Jesus Christ Necessary For Every Human Being On Earth?”

A1: Because Every Human Being By Their Self-Centered & Selfish Thoughts, Choices, & Actions Have Violated The Will & Plan Of God For Their Lives.

A2: These Thoughts, Choices, & Actions Have Separated Us From God & Others In Relationship In This Earthly Life & In Eternity

A3: The Only Way To End This Separation & Restore Relationships With Others & God Is Through A Progressive Set Of Consciousness & Willful Decisions

To Lay Down Our Free Will & Accept God’s Will For Our Lives

A4: God’s Will For Our Lives Takes Us Through Life His Way!

God’s Way Of Life Requires Us To:

- 1) Truly Be Sorry For Our Sins (**Repentance**),
- 2) Receive Forgiveness (**Salvation**),
- 3) To Accept His Holy Spirit Into Our Lives (**Sanctification**),
- 4) To Be Transformed Into The Person He Created Us To Be
Being Transformed Into His Image (**Holiness**),
- 5) To Willingly Live With God & Others In Peace & Harmony (**Unity**),
- & 6) To Willingly Obey God As Our Savior & Lord (**Service**).

Q: *“Why Is Complete 1) **Repentance** & 2) Reception Of Forgiveness (**Salvation**)
In The Name Of Jesus Christ Necessary For All People?”*

A1: Because No One Is Without Sin & Separation From God & One Another
In This World By Their Own Free Will Choice & Actions

A2: Because No One In Their Own Power Or Condition
Can Remove Their Sin Or Their Separation

A3: Because On A Perfect – Truly Righteous Man
In Thought, Word, Deed, & Nature Can Remove The Sin & Separation

Q: *“Why Is Complete 3) **Sanctification** & 4) **Holiness** In The Name Of Jesus Christ
Necessary For All Of God’s People (Church)?”*

A1: Because No One Even After Repenting & Receiving Salvation
Can Please A Holy God Without Themselves Seeking & Becoming Holy As He Is Holy

A2: Because No One Can Remove Their Sinful Inborn Nature & Will

Without Complete Surrender & Constant Assistance From God’s Indwelling Holy Spirit

A3: Because Without Holiness Of Mind & Heart
No Soul Can Ever Please God Perfectly Who Created You
To Be Completely Holy & Blameless In His Sight

Q: *“Why Is Complete 5) **Unity** In The Name Of Jesus Christ
Necessary For All Of God’s People (Church)?”*

A1: Because No One Is Capable Of Truly Loving Perfectly
& Unconditionally Of Their Own Choice & Power

A2: In Order To Fulfill God’s Commands To 1) Seek & Save The Lost & 2) Serve Others
We Must First Truly Love God & One Another In The Church Perfectly

A3: In Order To Truly Love God & One Another Perfectly
We Must Have No Will Or Earthly Desires Of Our Own In Our Homes
Or In Our Church That Are Contrary To God’s Love & Will For Us & Others

Q: *“Why Is Complete 6) **Service** To God & Others In The Name Of Jesus Christ
Necessary For All Of God’s People (Church)?”*

A1: In Order To Fulfill Our Mission & Purpose On Earth,
We Must Emulate God’s Only Son In His Mission On Earth:
By Seeking The Lost, Broken, & Hurting & By Serving God & Others And Not Ourselves

A2: The Way Of God Is Selfless Service For The Sake Of Others & His Glory Alone

A3: The Way To Life Is To Die To Self & Live For God Alone

**Let Us Be Diligent & Let Us Be Resolved
To Seek All That God’s Holy Spirit
Has In Store For Each Of Us & For His Church**

“Let Us This Day, This Week, These Next 46 Days Until Thanksgiving Day Fast, Pray & Seek True Repentance For All Our Sins! Let Us Receive Anew The Joy Of Our Salvation In Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ! Let Us Fast, Pray & Receive The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit! Let Us God’s Entire Sanctification! Let Us Actively Seek Holiness Of Mind & Heart & Soul! Let Us Truly Become God’s Holy People Set Apart For His Use & Service! Let Us Fast, Pray & Seek A Complete Unity Of Mind, Heart, & Soul With One Another In God’s Church! Let Us Seek God’s Vision & Not Our Own Private Agendas! Let Us Fast, Pray & Seek A Mind, Heart, & Soul That Belongs To God Alone! Let Us Be Like Our Savior & Lord - A Servant Of All Seeking The Lost & Serving In His Holy Name!”

**In These Last Days Before The Glorious Appearing Of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Let This Be Our Firm & Final Resolve As God’s People
To Be Like His People In The 1st Century In Those Early Days Of Pentecost**

“Let Us Continue Steadfastly in our Pastor’s Doctrine & Fellowship, Let Us Continue in the Breaking of Bread, & in Prayers. Let Fear (Awe) Come Upon Every Soul, Let Many (Miracles) Signs & Wonders be done Through Us! Let Us Remain Together Providing For Those In Need. Let Us Continue Daily In One Accord in the Church, Let Us Break Bread from House to House Eating Our Daily Food in Gladness & Simplicity of Heart! Let Us Continually Praise & Worship God. Let Us Find Favor with All the People of Our Community. And May We See the Blessing of Our Lord Adding To His Church Daily Those Who Are Being Saved!”