

Results of the Great Commission

TEXT: Acts 2:41

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **Acts 2** DESCRIBES THE BEGINNING EFFORTS OF THE APOSTLES TO CARRY OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION.
 - 1. Peter's summary & command(**Acts 2:36-38**).
 - 2. They who received his work(**vs. 41**).
- B. IF WE PUT A NEW FOOD OR MEDICINE ON THE MARKET, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO FOLLOW-UP STUDIES ON ALL WHO USED THAT PRODUCT TO SEE ITS EFFECTS.
- C. LET'S DO A FOLLOW-UP ON THESE FIRST CONVERTS TO LEARN THE EFFECTS OF BAPTISM ON US.

I. SINS WASHED AWAY(Acts 2:38; 22:16).

- A. BUT SOMEONE ALWAYS OBJECTS:
 - 1. Aren't sins washed away by Jesus' blood?(**1 John 1:7**)**YES**.
 - 2. Wasn't his blood poured out for remission?(**Mat.26:28**)**YES**.
- B. ONE PASSAGE SAYS **BLOOD**, THE OTHER **BAPTISM. WHICH IS IT?**
- C. WHEN WE SAY BLOOD, WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
(**Heb. 9:14-15**).
- D. HOW CAN WE FELLOWSHIP JESUS IN HIS DEATH?(**Rom. 6:3-4**).

II. THEY EXPERIENCED A "NEW BIRTH"(John 3:3-5).

- A. THE RESULT OF BEING BEGOTTEN(**1 Pet. 1:3**).
- B. THE "SEED"(**1 Pet. 1:22-23**).
- C. JESUS & NICODEMUS - "WHAT IS THIS NEW BIRTH?"(**John 3:3-5**).
 - 1. Jesus addresses Nicodemus' questions

	NATURE	MODE
<u>Nicodemus</u>	Physical	Mother's womb
<u>Jesus</u>	Spiritual	Water - Baptism

- 2. Evidence in the context(**vs. 6-10**).
- D. IT IS THE NEW BIRTH THAT CREATES HOPE(**1 Pet. 1:3**).
- E. IT THE BEGINNING OF A "**NEW LIFE**"(**Rom. 6:3-4, 17-18**).
- III. THEY WERE ADDED TO THE CHURCH(Acts 2:47).**
- A. BAPTISM PUTS ONE INTO CHRIST(**Gal. 3:27**)& THE BODY OF CHRIST
(**1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:18**).
- B. JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF THE BODY(**Eph. 5:23**). THIS IS BECAUSE THE BODY IS MADE UP OF THE SAVED(**Acts 2:47**).
- C. SINCE ALL IN THE CHURCH ARE WASHED IN THE BLOOD, THE CHURCH IS THE BLOOD BOUGHT BODY(**Acts 20:28**).
- D. JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY(**Eph. 1:22-23**). WE MUST BE

SUBJECT TO HIM IN ALL THINGS(**Col. 3:17**).

IV. BUT WHAT DID THEY DO FOLLOWING THEIR BAPTISM?

(**Acts 2:42**).

- A. THEY CONTINUED IN THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING(**John 8:31**).
- B. THEY WENT ABOUT TEACHING OTHERS(**Acts 5:42**).

CONCLUSION: WHAT ABOUT YOU?

- A. HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE WORD?(**Acts 2:41**).
- B. IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED!
- C. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED, WHAT EFFECT HAS IT HAD ON YOU?