

Acts 2:41-47 | Life in the Renewal Movement

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Text: Acts 2:1-13

A. TEXT

(Acts 2:41)

41 So those who ***accepted his message were baptized***, and that day about ***three thousand people*** were added to them. 42 They ***devoted*** themselves to the ***apostles' teaching***, to the ***fellowship***, to the ***breaking of bread***, and to ***prayer***.

43 Everyone was ***filled with awe***, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. 44 Now all ***the believers were together*** and held all things in common. 45 They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, ***as any had need***. 46 Every day they devoted themselves to ***meeting together in the temple***, and broke bread ***from house to house***. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and ***enjoying the favor of all the people***. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being ***saved***.

B. RECAP/INTRO

(Ac 2:37-40, CSB)

37 When they heard this, they were ***pierced to the heart*** and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter replied, ***"Repent and be baptized***, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ ***for the forgiveness of your sins***, and you will receive ***the gift of the Holy Spirit***.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MESSAGE

41 So those who ***accepted his message were baptized***, and that day about ***three thousand people*** were added to them.

He didn't tell them everything they'd been believing was wrong, he just told them that *Jesus' cross was the piece they were missing; the part of the story they hadn't understood yet*. And since the Jesus part of the message fit perfectly into their already established worldview, it was easy for them to lay hold of and accept.

D. REPENTANCE & BAPTISM

41 So those who ***accepted his message were baptized***,

Peter is simply calling on them to, after their repentance, in an action that communicates they will be saved on the Day of Wrath,

1) undergo a cleansing

and

2) identify with Jesus.

(Luke 3:3-17, CSB)

3[John went about] proclaiming ***a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins***...7

He then said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to ***flee from (?) the coming wrath?***

(Lk 24:46-47, CSB)

46 "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, 47 and ***repentance for forgiveness of sins*** will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, ***beginning at Jerusalem.***

He proclaimed the Messiah's suffering, rising, and forgiveness for those who repent.

And those who accepted that message were baptized "in the name of" Jesus, which just meant ***submitting to His authority as the Messiah and pledging allegiance to Him.***

E1. APPLICATION

If you're hearing the message about Jesus' life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return, then you need to, just like Peter's hearers, **respond to it. Which means you need to repent.**

And once you've repented, once you've gotten off the broad path and onto the narrow one that leads to life, **you need to be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.**

And then you will too, just like the 3000 here, be saved from the wrath to come.

E. COMMUNITY LIFE

The reason Luke takes time to describe it, AND the reason disciples of Jesus have held this passage in high regard for 2,000 years is the intensity of it. The devotion and zeal of this community is what makes it exceptional, both in our eyes and in the eyes of the people in Jerusalem who observed it.

F1. IN & OUT

(Acts 2:41)

41 So those who **accepted his message were baptized**, and that day about three thousand people were **added to them.**

People begin outside of the community, and are only added to "them" after repentance and baptism. That's the front door into the "house" and we want to practice the same thing here in our baptism and membership processes.

F.2 DEVOTION TO THE WORD

42 They **devoted** themselves to the **apostles' teaching.**

The apostles are fulfilling their role as "witnesses" by

1) giving serious attention to the scriptures and the oral tradition from Jesus and **2)** by passing this teaching on to the community, in their homes, synagogues, and in the appropriate spaces in the temple.

And the community isn't casual about the apostles teaching; **they're devoted to it**, both in hearing it, and by obeying it. What made this Jewish community stand out was the intensity of their devotion and obedience to it.

F2. APPLICATION

Let's devote ourselves to reading and hearing and studying and obeying:

F3. FELLOWSHIP | JERUSALEM | FOOD | PRAYER | CARE

.42 to the **fellowship**,

Why did they move to Jerusalem?

For the same reason they do lots of things, because they believe the prophets.

(Isaiah 2:2-4, CSB)

2 In **the last days** the mountain of **the LORD's house** will be established at the top of the mountains and will be raised above the hills. All nations will stream to it, 3 and many peoples will come and say, "Come, let's go up to **the mountain of the LORD**, to **the house of the God of Jacob**. He will teach us about his ways so that we may walk in his paths." For instruction will go **out of Zion** and the word of the LORD **from Jerusalem**. 4 **He** will settle disputes among the nations...

(Is 24:23, CSB)

21...on **that day**...23 the LORD of Armies will reign as king **on Mount Zion in Jerusalem**, and **he will display his glory** in the presence of his elders

(Is 25:6-10, CSB)

6 On **this mountain**, the LORD of Armies will prepare for all the peoples a feast8 When **he has swallowed up death** once and for all, the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face and remove his people's disgrace from the whole earth...10 For the LORD's power will rest on this mountain

(Is 65:17–19, CSB)

17 “For I will create new heavens and a new earth....18.... be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for ***I will create Jerusalem to be a joy*** and its people to be a delight. 19 I will rejoice ***in Jerusalem*** and be glad in my people.

42 to the ***fellowship***, to the ***breaking of bread***, and to ***prayer. ...***46 Every day they devoted themselves to ***meeting together in the temple***, and broke bread ***from house to house***. They ***ate their food*** with joyful and sincere hearts, 47 ***praising God...***

| FOOD |

These meals are received with joy BECAUSE they recognize them as gifts from God, signs that He will make good on that **Isaiah 25** promises.

We thank you, our Father, for the life and for the knowledge that you made known to us through your servant Yeshua. Yours is the glory forever. Just as this piece of bread was scattered over the mountains and gathered together, so may Your assembly be gathered from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom. For yours is glory and power through Yeshua forever.

| PRAYER |

“Exalted and hallowed be His great name in the world, which He created according to His will. May He establish His kingdom in your lifetime and in your days, and in the lifetime of the whole house of Israel, speedily and at a near time.”

| CARE |

44 Now all ***the believers were together*** and held all things in common. 45 They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, ***as any had need***.

Their unity meant that if one part of the body hurts, we all hurt.

F3. APPLICATION

- 1) Get with church members and eat.
- 2) Get with church members and pray.
- 3) Get with Church Members and Give.

F4. FAVOR WITH THE PEOPLE

47...and ***enjoying the favor of all the people.***

It's just a revival, it's Judaism as it was meant to be, and that provoked the other Jews around them.

F5. EVANGELISTIC

Every day (through both their proclamation and the way they lived) the Lord added to their number those who were being ***saved.***

F. REASON FOR THE RENEWAL: THE SPIRIT & FEAR

- 1) The Spirit
- 2) The Fear of the Lord

43 Everyone was ***filled with (fear) awe,*** and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.