

## Proclaim the Message

Acts 2:14-41

How can we powerfully proclaim Jesus to a watching world?

\_\_\_\_\_ Appointed Opportunities to Speak of God's Spirit-filled Activity

*ACTS 2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.*

\_\_\_\_\_ the Proper Context to God's Activity

We might need to correct \_\_\_\_\_.

*ACTS 2:15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!*

We always need to point people to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- They *explain* the present situation.

*ACTS 2:16-21 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

<sup>17</sup> *"In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *I will show wonders in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the  
Lord.*

<sup>21</sup> *And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

- **They speak of God's plans.**

ACTS 2:22-35 *"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:*

*"I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.*

<sup>26</sup> *Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will live in hope,*

<sup>27</sup> *because you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.*

<sup>28</sup> *You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'*

<sup>29</sup> *"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.*

<sup>31</sup> *Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,*

*"The Lord said to my Lord:*

*"Sit at my right hand*

<sup>35</sup> *until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet."*

- **They glorify Christ.**

ACTS 2:36 *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.*

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## God's Salvation to Those Who Hear

ACTS 2:37-40 *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*

<sup>38</sup> *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

<sup>40</sup> *With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."*

## And if You Haven't Yet Believed...

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### in Faith That You Might be Saved

ACTS 2:41 *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

## How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. ROMANS 3:23
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20

EPHESIANS 2:8, 9 *For it is by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast.*