

## **THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH & PETER'S EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE (Acts 2:12-40)**

### **I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)**

#### **A. The BIRTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (1-2)**

##### **1. The *Preparation* for the Birth of the Church (1:1-26)**

##### **2. The *Beginning* of the Church on the Day of Pentecost (2:1-47)**

a) The Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (2:1-4a)

b) The Sign of Speaking in Tongues on Pentecost (2:4b-21)

- *How did the crowd in Jerusalem respond to the disciples speaking in tongues? (2:12-13)*
- *Why did Peter quote from Joel 2:28-32 and how does this relate to the expectation of the Jews about the Holy Spirit in the coming kingdom? (Ezek. 36:23-27; 37:14; 39:29; Zech. 12:10)*
- *What did Peter mean in Acts 2:16 by "this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel"?*
- *How does all this relate to you and authentic spirituality in this present church age with respect to the Bible, spiritual gifts, and Jesus Christ? (2 Peter 1:20-21; John 4:24; 15:26-27; 1 Cor. 2:15-3:4; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 5:16-23)*

c) The Evangelistic Message of Peter on Pentecost (2:22-40)

1) Reason #1 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because of His \_\_\_\_\_ life and God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan for Him. (2:22-24)

- *How did Jesus' miracles prove He was the Christ? (Isa. 35:4-6; Matt. 11:1-5; Acts 10:38-39)*
- *What does verse 23 teach about God's sovereignty, foreknowledge, and human will?*
- *What does verse 24 teach about God's sovereignty and Christ's resurrection?*

2) Reason #2 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because of \_\_\_\_\_ about His \_\_\_\_\_. (2:25-31)

- *What OT passages does Peter refer to and why are they significant?*

- 3) Reason #3 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because the \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_. (2:32)
- *What were the apostles commissioned to do? (1:8, 22)*
- 4) Reason #4 to believe Jesus is the Christ: Because the \_\_\_\_\_ was proof of His \_\_\_\_\_ to God's right hand. (2:33-35)
- *How did the preaching of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16) and Jesus' prior predictions prove His resurrection and ascension (Luke 24:49; John 14:26; 15:26; Acts 1:5)?*
  - *How is this passage misinterpreted by Amillennialists and Progressive Dispensationalists with respect to the Davidic Covenant?*
- 5) The goal of Peter's evangelistic preaching was to lead his fellow Israelites to \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (2:36)
- *What is the difference between knowing the gospel and knowing it with assurance?*
  - *What does it mean for Jesus to be the Christ?*
  - *What was the content of Peter's evangelistic message and why is this so important?*
- 6) The Jews in Jerusalem were \_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_. (2:37 cf. 7:54)
- *What was their follow-up question and how is it similar and different from Acts 16:30?*
- 7) In Acts 2:38, Peter answered their question by simply telling them to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, just as Jesus Christ had instructed in the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48)
- *How is Acts 2:38 variously interpreted and which one has the strongest exegetical support?*
  - *What can we learn about evangelism from Peter's example in Acts 2:22-40?*