

# Peter's Proclamation

Acts 2:14-41

PART THREE

## Introduction

Isaiah 49:1-2

Isaiah 50:10-11

### ***The birth of the Church.***

**The newborn Church, awakened by the light of Truth, cries out in proclamation.**

*"raised his voice and declared to them" NASU (v14).*

**Out of His great love for her, God gave birth to the Church making her alive in Christ!**

She proclaims Christ without fear or hesitation, without apology or equivocation.

**With sound and fire she speaks the truth in love.**

She doesn't stutter insecurely or stammer anxiously.

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63).

**The Words of God planted in the heart by the Spirit come to life!**

"Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:3).

"Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" says James 1:21.

**Salvation comes by hearing the Words of God proclaimed** (Romans 10).

**True proclamation always has biblical content.**

**Our GBF Missional statement in one verse:**

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ" (Colossians 1:28).

**The proclamation, or preaching, is an appeal is made to the mind, not the emotions.**

MLJ calls preaching 'biblical logic on fire.'

Acts 17:1-4

"And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks" (Acts 18:4).

Acts 19:8-10

Acts 28:23-24

"Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others" (2 Corinthians 5:11).

## II. Authenticating the Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth (vv22-24)

*"Jesus of Nazareth"*

This is the heart of Peter's Proclamation.

*"attested to you by God"* = 'to bring proof or evidence.' God Himself validated His Son as Messiah.

*"mighty works and wonders and signs"*

"The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

*"as you yourselves know"* They knew. They were there. They witnessed these proofs, leaving no doubt.

John 10:37-38

### GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

*"this Jesus delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God"*

1 Peter 1:19-21

*"[Jesus] was chosen before the creation of the world"* (1 Peter 1:20; NIV).

*Bottom line:* God did not leave something as critically important to His overall plan of redemption, involving the cruel treatment and death of His Son, to the vagaries of men's capricious choices.

*"In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will"* (Ephesians 1:11).

**The entire plan of salvation is marked every step of the way by God's decretive appointments.**

*"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled"* (Acts 3:17-18).

### MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

*"you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men"* (v23).

Acts 4:24, 27-28

### III. The Scriptural Connection Between King Jesus and king David (vv25-32)

*“For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence’” (v25-28).*

vv29-32

“For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you” (Acts 13:36-38).