

Acts 2:38–39



God's Call Has Never Changed

RESPOND · RECEIVE · WITNESS



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Sermon Notes

Acts 2:38–39 (ESV)

³⁸And Peter said to them, “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.

³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

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(Answer key located on the last page)

FOUNDATION: THE PERSON BEHIND THE PROMISE

Everything in Acts 2:38–39 — the repentance, the forgiveness, the promise of the Holy Spirit — is only possible because of one name.

That name is: _____ .

I. RESPOND — OBEY THE COMMANDS (ACTS 2:38)

Peter gave the crowd two direct commands:

Command #1: _____

The Greek word for repent means a complete _____ of mind that leads to a change of _____ .

Remorse says: “I feel terrible about what I did.”

Repentance says: “I feel terrible about what I did, and I am changing direction right now.”

Repentance is not a _____ . It is a _____ .

Command #2: _____

Baptism is a _____ act of an _____ change.

- Baptism does not _____ you.
- Baptism is the first act of _____ in the life of a new believer.

 **Application:** Before you sleep tonight, get on your _____ and repent. Not tomorrow. Tonight.

II. RECEIVE — TRUST THE PROMISE (ACTS 2:39)

After the call to respond, Peter announces a promise: “You will receive the _____ of the Holy Spirit.”

Who is the promise for?

- For _____ (those present)
- For your _____ (future generations)
- For all who are _____
(every nation, every generation)

The promise has no _____ and no
_____ date.

What is the Gift of the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is not a force, not an energy, not a feeling. He is a _____.
- Jesus called Him the _____, the Counselor, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth. (John 14:16–17)
- He is given as a _____. And like any gift, He must be _____.

God Is Sovereign in the Calling

Salvation does not originate in human _____ or human _____.

- None of us found God. God _____ us. (John 15:16)
- God is still _____ people. Right now. Today.

 **Application:** Write one name — one person who needs the Gospel. Pray for them by _____ every day this week.

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

What is one area of your life where God is calling you to repent or surrender?

NEXT STEPS:

- Tonight: Get on my knees and pray a prayer of repentance.
- This week: Write one name and pray for them every day.
- Share what God is doing in my life with someone this week.

Answer Key

I. RESPOND—OBEY THE COMMANDS

Command #1 Repent / change / direction / feeling / decision

Command #2 Be Baptized/ public/ inward/ save/ obedience/ knees

II. RECEIVE—TRUST THE PROMISE

Gift / you / children / far off / borders / expiration / Person / Helper / gift / received / effort / will / found / calling / name

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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