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# WHY DO I NEED TO RESPOND TO JESUS?

TODAY'S POINT:

JESUS IS GOD'S PLAN  
FOR FORGIVENESS.

SPOTLIGHT QUESTION:

Why do I need to  
respond to Jesus?

BONUS VERSE:

Acts 2:38



JESUS  
IS THE ONLY  
WAY TO  
RECEIVE  
GOD'S  
FORGIVENESS.

# 2

## JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:16-18

“And I will ask the Father,  
and He will give you  
another Counselor to be  
with you forever—  
the **Spirit of truth...**”



He will **remain** with you.



He will be **in** you.



He will **guide** you into all truth.



**JESUS DID NOT  
LEAVE US ALONE.**

# 3

## THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS

John 16:8-11

When He comes, He will convict the world about:



**SIN** – because they do not believe in Me.



**RIGHTEOUSNESS** – because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me.



**JUDGMENT** – because the ruler of this world has been judged.

SIN

RIGHTEOUSNESS

JUDGMENT

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES HEARTS.

# 4

## WAIT FOR THE POWER

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



The disciples were told to **WAIT**.



Not for a strategy.



For **GOD'S POWER**.



**GOD EMPOWERS  
HIS PEOPLE  
TO SHARE JESUS.**



# 5

## PENTECOST ARRIVES THE SPIRIT COMES WITH POWER

Acts 2:1-4

A sound like a rushing mighty wind filled the house.

Tongues like fire appeared.

They began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability.



THIS WAS A SUPERNATURAL EVENT—  
A WORK OF GOD.

# 6

## THE WORLD HEARD IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

Acts 2:5-13

People from **every nation** heard the wonders of God in their own language.

They were **amazed** and **astonished**.

Some asked, "What does this mean?"

Others mocked saying, "They are drunk!"



**MIRACLES DO NOT CONVERT.**  
**THE GOSPEL CONVERTS.**



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# SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 1:13

“You were **sealed** with  
the promised Holy Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 1:22

He has also **sealed** us  
and given us the Spirit  
as a down payment  
in our hearts.”



OUR  
SECURITY  
IS IN  
**CHRIST,**  
NOT IN  
OURSELVES.



GOD **KEEPS** HIS CHILDREN  
TO THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

8

## DON'T GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:30

“And don't **grieve**  
God's Holy Spirit.”

1 Thessalonians 5:19

“Don't **stifle** the Spirit.”

Sin can **grieve** or **quench**  
the Holy Spirit in our lives.

SIN

DISOBEDIENCE

SELFISHNESS

UNFORGIVENESS



LIVE IN A WAY THAT **HONORS**  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

# 9

## PETER EXPLAINS THE PROPHECY

ACTS 2:17-21

**THE PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED PARTIALLY.**

Peter quoted Joel 2:28-32:



Sons and daughters will prophesy.



Young men will see visions  
and old men will dream dreams.



Blood, fire, and clouds of smoke.



The sun turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood.



Everyone who calls on  
the Lord will be saved.



**GOD'S PROMISES  
ARE ALWAYS TRUE.**

"And it will be that **everyone** who calls  
on the name of the Lord will **be saved.**"

Acts 2:21



# 10

## EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE LORD

Acts 2:21

“Everyone who calls on  
the name of the Lord  
will be saved.”

Salvation belongs to those who:



**REPENT**

Turning from sin.



**BELIEVE**

Trusting Jesus as  
Lord and Savior.



Mark 1:15 “Repent and believe the **good** news!”

# 11

## JESUS WAS HANDED OVER

Acts 2:23

Jesus' death was part of  
God's sovereign plan.



Yet people were still  
responsible for their sin.



Our sin nailed Jesus to the cross.

Romans 5:8

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”



# 12

## GOD RAISED JESUS

Acts 2:24

Death could not hold Him.



The resurrection proves  
Jesus is **Messiah**.



The resurrection proves  
Jesus **defeated death**.



The resurrection proves  
Jesus is **Lord**.



**THE TOMB COULD  
NOT HOLD HIM!**

Psalm 16:10

“You will not leave me in  
Hades or allow Your  
Holy One to see decay.”



# 13

## BAPTISM IS NOT SALVATION

Acts 2:38

Baptism is a public, **outward symbol** of what God has already done **in your heart**.



It represents burial with Christ.



It represents **rising** to **new life**.



It represents your faith before people.



**BAPTISM SHOWS WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE IN YOU.**

# 14

## THE RESULTS OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Acts 2:38

When you **repent** and **believe**,  
God gives:



### **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Your sins are completely forgiven.



### **THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

You receive God's power to live for Him.



### **NEW LIFE**

You are born again. You belong to Jesus.



### **NEW IDENTITY**

You become God's child.



**GOD CHANGES  
US FROM THE  
INSIDE OUT!**

# 15

## THE CALL IS FOR EVERYONE

John 1:12

“To all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

The Gospel is for **ALL PEOPLE**:

- ✓ Every race
- ✓ Every nation
- ✓ Every age
- ✓ Every past



SALVATION BELONGS TO THOSE WHO **RESPOND IN FAITH!**



# 16

## THE PEOPLE WERE CONVICTED AND CHANGED

Acts 2:36-37

Peter proclaimed that they had crucified the Lord and Messiah. **The Holy Spirit convicts the heart,** not the messenger.



The people were cut to the heart and asked, "Brothers, what must we do?"



**Conviction of sin** is necessary to receive God's **forgiveness**.



**THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES HEARTS.**  
**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL.**



# 17

## THE PEOPLE WERE CONVICTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:37

“When they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: “Brothers, what should we do?””



Conviction is the work of the **Holy Spirit**.



Peter was the messenger.



God changed their hearts.



**GOD CHANGES HEARTS,  
NOT PEOPLE.**



# 18

## TWO THINGS ARE NECESSARY TO RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:38

### 1 REPENT

Change of mind.  
Change of heart.  
Turn from sin.



### 2 BELIEVE

Trust in Jesus  
as Lord and Savior.  
Turn to Jesus.



Mark 1:15

“Repent and believe the **good news!**”

# 19

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE **REPENT AND BELIEVE?**

Acts 2:38



### **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

God removes our sin.



### **RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT**

God gives us new power.



### **NEW LIFE**

We are born again.



### **NEW IDENTITY**

We become God's child.

To those who **REPENT** and **BELIEVE** in Jesus, God gives **FORGIVENESS**, the **HOLY SPIRIT**, and **NEW LIFE!**



**GOD CHANGES US FROM THE INSIDE OUT.**

# 20

## A CHANGED LIFE

ACTS 2:41-47

The believers devoted themselves to:



The apostles' teaching  
(God's Word)



Fellowship



Breaking of bread  
(The Lord's Supper)



Prayer



Helping others



They met together, **praised God**,  
and the Lord **added** to their number.



**CHANGED HEARTS  
PRODUCE CHANGED LIVES!**



**WILL YOU RESPOND TO JESUS TODAY?**

**Repent. Believe. Receive God's Forgiveness.**