THE BOOK OF ACTS

"To Do and To Teach"

Teaching 5: Chapter 2, PT. 2 – Peter's Sermon

Introduction: Peter's sermon began in **Verse 14** when he wanted the Men of Judea and all in Jerusalem to understand what was happening in the Upper Room.

- Peter explains that those in the Upper Room are not drunk
- Peter explains that this is just the beginning of the **Joel 2:28-32** prophecy.
- Peter is showing these men that it does not matter when G-d makes a promise, He will keep it!

Act 2:22-47

Peter's Sermon Continued-Christocentric (Christ Centered Sermon)

Verses 22-24

Acts 2:22-24 (AMP) – [22] "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man accredited *and* pointed out *and* attested to you by God with [the power to perform] miracles and wonders and signs which God worked through Him in your [very] midst, just as you yourselves know— [23] **this *Man,*** when handed over [to the Roman authorities] according to the **predetermined decision and foreknowledge of God**, **you nailed to a cross and put to death by the hands of lawless *and* godless men.** [24] **But God raised Him up, releasing Him** *and* bringing an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in death's power.

Key: None of this took Father G-d by surprise.

Predetermined-(Greek)- (KJV)-Determinate-*horizo*-to define, to mark boundaries or limits.
Foreknowledge-(Greek)-*prognosis*-forethought, pre-arrangement.

Note: Peter's number personality trait is on display here in **Verse 23**…
"BOLDNESS".



"You Nailed Him to the Cross and Put Him to Death"

Understanding: Never forget, nothing is happening to Jesus that Father did not know about and did not put boundaries on.

- Remember what Jesus states out of His own mouth.
- Jesus reminds the Roman Governor Pontious Pilot his earthly power is only allowed.

John 19:11 (AMP) – [11] Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me at all if it had not been given to you from above…

Key: Father alone had the Authority to crucify His Sons and the Power to raise Him back up again! Jesus could not be held in deaths power!

<u>Verse 25-28</u>

Acts 2:25-28 (AMP) – [25] For David says of Him, "**I SAW THE LORD CONSTANTLY BEFORE ME;**
FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN [from my state of security]. [26] 'THEREFORE MY HEART REJOICED AND MY TONGUE EXULTED EXCEEDINGLY;
MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE [that is, will encamp in **anticipation of the resurrection**]; [27] **'FOR YOU WILL NOT FORSAKE ME** ***and***

ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES (the realm of the dead),
NOR LET YOUR HOLY ONE UNDERGO DECAY [after death]. [28] 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;
YOU WILL FILL ME [infusing my soul] WITH JOY WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'

Understanding: Peter begins to give a testimony in his sermon of the revelation that David was assured by!



- The same was that Christ focused on His Father is the same way David focused on The **LORD**! **(Psalm 16:8)**
- Peter is pointing out how Christ looks beyond His present suffering knowing His body will not see decay. **(Acts 2:27)**

<u>Verses 29-31</u>

Acts 2:29-31 (AMP) – [29] "Brothers, I may confidently *and* freely say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. [30] And so, being a prophet and knowing fully that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH THAT HE WOULD SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE, [31] he foresaw and spoke [prophetically] of the resurrection of the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), that HE WAS NOT ABANDONED [in death] TO HADES (the realm of the dead), NOR DID His body UNDERGO DECAY.

Understanding: Peter has preached the Revelation of Pentecost.

- Father takes His very own Spirit that was on Jesus and gives it to all those who would believe on Him.
- Peter redirects those to whom he is preaching away from the Upper Room and back to Jesus.
- Peter explains not only His life, but His death and then, Finally, His ascension back to the right hand of the Father.

Verses 32-35

Acts 2:32-35 (AMP) – [32] God raised this Jesus [bodily from the dead], and of that [fact] we are all witnesses. [33] Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this [blessing] which you both see and hear. [34] For David did not ascend into the heavens, yet he himself says, 'THE LORD [the Father] SAID TO MY LORD [the Son], SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, [35] UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"



Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) - [2] looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Confirmation That The Jewish Messiah Has Come

Verse 36

Acts 2:36 (AMP) - [36] "Therefore let all the house of Israel recognize beyond all doubt that God has made Him both Lord and Christ (Messiah, Anointed)—**this Jesus whom you crucified.**"

Note: Peter has no fear of man any longer!

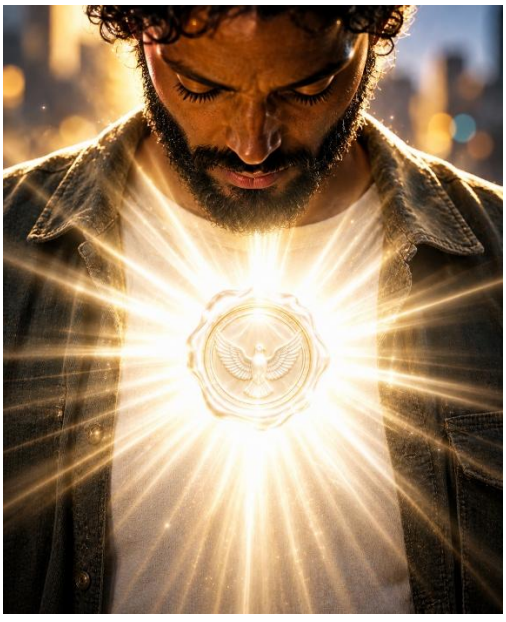
- This is the fruit of a Believer baptized by fire.
- Peter was only looking to Jesus.
- No fear, only faith in what he knows to be true.
- Even in the face of the very one's he is condemning.

The Ingathering: 3,000 Souls Sealed

<u>Verses 37-39</u>

Acts 2:37-39 (AMP) – [37] Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart [with remorse and anxiety], and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what are we to do?" [38] And Peter said to them, "**Repent** [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] **and be baptized,** each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; **and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** [39] "For **the promise** [of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself."

Key: At the point of Salvation, the **Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit)** is immediately placed inside of you to seal your soul until the Day of Redemption.



Ephesians 1:13-14 (AMP) - [13] In Him, you also, when you heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation, and [as a result] believed in Him, were stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit [the One promised by Christ] as owned *and* protected [by God]. [14] The Spirit is the guarantee [the first installment, the pledge, a foretaste] of our inheritance until the redemption of *God's own* [purchased] possession [His believers], to the praise of His glory.

<u>Verses 40-43</u>

Acts 2:40-43 (AMP) – [40] And Peter solemnly testified and continued to admonish *and* urge them with many more words, saying, "Be saved from this crooked *and* unjust generation!" [41] So then, those who accepted his message were baptized; and on that day about **3,000 souls were added [to the body of believers].** [42] They were **continually** *and* **faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction** of the apostles, and **to fellowship**, to eating meals together and **to prayers.** [43] A sense of awe was felt by everyone, and **many wonders and signs (attesting miracles) were taking place through the apostles.**



All Things Common – (Biblical Blueprint for the *Ekklesia*)

- Ekklesia – called out ones
- They were outcasts from the world as they separated themselves from it
- They believed Jesus IS Messiah!

Verses 44-46

Acts 2:44-46 (AMP) – **44** And all those who had believed [in Jesus as Savior] were together and had all things in common [considering their possessions to belong to the group as a whole]. **45** And they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing the proceeds with all [the other believers], as anyone had need. **46** Day after day they met in the temple [area] continuing with one mind, and breaking bread in various private homes. They were eating their meals together with joy and generous hearts, **47** praising God *continually,* and having favor with all the people. And the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were being saved.

Question: How did the **Ekklesia** fall so far from the blueprint?

Answer:

- The Kingdom of G-d was no longer the focus.
- The Ekklesia became ministry and gifts focused.
- The individual ministry became the focus.
- The elevation of The Five-Fold Offices became the center of attention.
- Instead of perfecting the saints and Making Disciples, we made Dependents. Selah…

The End