

“The First (And Only) Christian Sermon”
Acts 2:1-39

Introduction: I am calling this the first and only Christian sermon because it is amazing when you look at the messages in the book of Acts how similar the core message is in all of them. And what I am saying is that even today, while there are different texts and approaches, that at it's core, the message of Christianity is the same so there is really only one message.

Main Idea: The Christian message is that Jesus died for you and rose from the dead and whoever calls on Him in repentance and faith will be forgiven and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Will you consider this message today and inwardly respond to Jesus in repentance and faith and then outwardly demonstrate that response through baptism? That is what Jesus is inviting you to do today. I am going to walk us through Peter's message in a simple and shorter than usual fashion, and I ask you to consider the claims of this message. Let's begin with the context.

Context:

1. The disciples were gathered together waiting on the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus regarding the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8), and Jesus fulfilled His promise by sending His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).
2. There were devout Jews from all around the world gathered to celebrate the Feast of Weeks (Acts 2:5-13). **This passage shows us that being devoutly religious is not enough, but we need to be saved by Jesus.**
3. Speaking in tongues was the supernatural ability to speak in actual languages that they had not learned in order to communicate the gospel, to give evidence of the reception of the Holy Spirit, and to show that God's people would be people from all nations in the church.
4. Peter's message was from the Scripture, and he interpreted the experience by Scripture, which demonstrated the authority of Scripture (Acts 2:14-21).

The Message:

1. **The message is that whoever calls on the name of Jesus (in repentance and faith) will be saved (Acts 2:21, Romans 10:9-13).**
2. **The message is Jesus:**

A. His life and ministry (Acts 2:22)

B. His death (Acts 2:23)

C. His resurrection Acts 2:24-33)

Proofs of the resurrection mentioned here: fulfilled prophecy, eyewitness testimony, the coming of the Holy Spirit

D. His exaltation (v. 33-35)

E. His nature (v. 36): Jesus is Lord (Almighty God) and Christ (the Messiah).

3. Our response to this message inwardly is repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus that is confessed outwardly through believers baptism by immersion (Acts 2:37-39).

4. The gift of salvation shared in this message is the forgiveness of sins and the reception of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

Conclusion: Have you been forgiven of your sins and received the Holy Spirit? In other words, do you have a relationship with God through Jesus? If not, right now will you repent and trust Jesus? If you are or have in the past, will you now obey God and follow Jesus in believers baptism by immersion?