

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 2:22-40



FIRED UP

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23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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THE HOUSE OF GOD = THE TABERNACLE → THE
TEMPLE → THE CHURCH

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i. Jesus Was A Recognizable Messiah, 2:22

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, **a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him** in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

- Peter reminds the Jews of the obvious – God authenticated His Son by miracles and wonders.
- Peter claims that they “know” that Jesus was approved of, and by God.

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eidó

Definition: I know, remember, appreciate.

- When witnessing to others, we may need to remind others of what they “know.”

ii. Jesus Was A Rejected Messiah,
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- God’s Sovereign Government Explained, 2:23a

Acts 2:23 “Him, **being delivered by the determinate counsel** and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken...”

- Peter makes it very plain that the Jews determined to crucify Christ.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, **whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

Acts 3:15 And **killed the Prince of life**, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified**, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, **whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.**

Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; **of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:**

Acts 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; **whom they slew and hanged on a tree:**

Acts 13:28 And though they found no cause of death *in him*, **yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.**

- Peter states that the foreknowledge of God was involved.
- Man's Solemn Guilt Explained, 2:23b

Acts 2:23b "...ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: "

The unseen hand of God was involved in the crucifixion of Christ, and the visible guilt is the result of ungodly Jewish and Roman men. In reality, all of the sins of mankind had part in the death of Christ.

iii, Jesus Was A Resurrected Messiah, 2:24

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

God overruled and overpowered the machinations of mankind by raising His Son in the Resurrection.

b. Confirmation, 2:25-36

i. What David Accurately Foresaw, 2:25-28

- The Timeless Deity of Christ, 2:25-26a

Acts 2:25 “For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:
26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad...”

Psa. 16:8 **I have set the LORD always before me:** because *he is at my right hand*, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

- The Triumphant Death of Christ, 2:26b-28

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Acts 2:26 "...moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:"

Psa. 16:9b "...my flesh also shall rest in hope

- David's Facts, 2:27

Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Psa. 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave **my soul in hell**,
neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

New International Version

because you will not abandon **me to the realm of the dead**, you will not let your holy one see decay.

English Standard Version

For you will not abandon **my soul to Hades**, or let your Holy One see corruption.

New American Standard Bible

BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT **ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES**, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

The background of the slide features a warm, orange-toned gradient. Overlaid on this are several stylized hands in various colors (yellow, green, brown, orange) reaching upwards. From the center of the hands, several bright, vertical rays of light extend towards the top of the frame, creating a sense of divine light and hope.

Holman Christian Standard Bible

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

New Heart English Bible

because you will not **abandon my soul in Sheol**, neither will you allow your Holy One to see decay.

King James 2000 Bible

Because you will not leave **my soul in hades**, neither will you allow your Holy One to see corruption.

<http://biblehub.com/acts/2-27.htm>

Original Word: ᾍδης

Transliteration: hadés

Phonetic Spelling: (hah'-dace)

Definition: Hades, the unseen world.

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Heb. 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

26 For then must he often have **suffered** since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And **as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**

28 So **Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin** unto salvation.

- David's Feelings, 2:28

Acts 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt **make me full of joy** with thy countenance.

Psa. 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

ii. What David Actually Foretold, 2:29-36

- The Incorrect Interpretation of David's Words, 2:29

Acts 2:29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

- The Incontrovertible Interpretation of David's Words, 2:30-36
- The Force of His Prophecy, 2:30-31
- The Messiah Would Be David's Son, 2:30a

Acts 2:30a “Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, **according to the flesh...**”

Acts 2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

New International Version

But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.

English Standard Version

Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

New American Standard Bible

"And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne.

King James Bible

Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, **according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;**

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- The Messiah Would Be David's Sovereign, 2:30b-31

Acts 2:30b "...he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."

Psa. 132:11 The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

- The Fulfillment of His Prophecy, 2:32-36
- The Present Witnesses, 2:32

Acts 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

- The Promised Wonder, 2:33

Acts 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

A display of the Trinity, Peter next explained that it was *Jesus*, now at God's right hand, who had "poured forth" the promised Holy Spirit from the Father.

Jn. 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

- The Prophetic Word, 2:34-35

Acts 2:34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

Psa. 110:1 *[[A Psalm of David.]]* The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Mt. 22:42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, [The Son] of David.

43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any *man* from that day forth ask him any more *questions*.

(Heb. 2:17, 4:14-15, 5:10, 6:20, 7:26, 8:1, 9:11, 10:21) Christ as Priest

Normative dispensationalists:	Christ's <i>messianic</i> reign will be on earth.
Progressive dispensationalists:	Christ's <i>messianic</i> reign is now from heaven and will be on earth.
Non-dispensational premillenarians:	Christ's <i>messianic</i> reign is now from heaven and will be on earth.
Non-millenarians:	Christ's <i>messianic</i> reign is now and will be from heaven.

http://www.soniclight.com/constable/notes/htm/NT/Acts/Acts.htm#_edn161

- The Pungent Warning, 2:36

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all **the house of Israel know** assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, **whom ye have crucified**, both Lord and Christ.

(c) Consolation, 2:37-40

i. The Agony of Conviction Experience, 2:37

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, **they were pricked in their heart**, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, **what shall we do?**

The question was NOT – “...what shall we do...” to be saved.

ii. The Answer of Conversion Explained, 2:38-40

- A Conscious Repudiation of the Guilt of the Hebrew Nation, 2:38a-b
- Separation – By Personal Acknowledgement of Jesus, 2:38a

Acts 2:38a “Then Peter said unto them, Repent...”

1 Thess. 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how **ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;**

- Salvation – By Personal Acceptance of Jesus, 2:38b

Acts 2:38b “...and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”

Repent (second person plural - **Tense:** Aorist

Mood: Imperative

Voice: Active

Person: 2nd Person

Number: Plural

- A Consequent Reception of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, 2:38c-40
 - The Promise, 2:38c-39

Acts 2:38c "...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

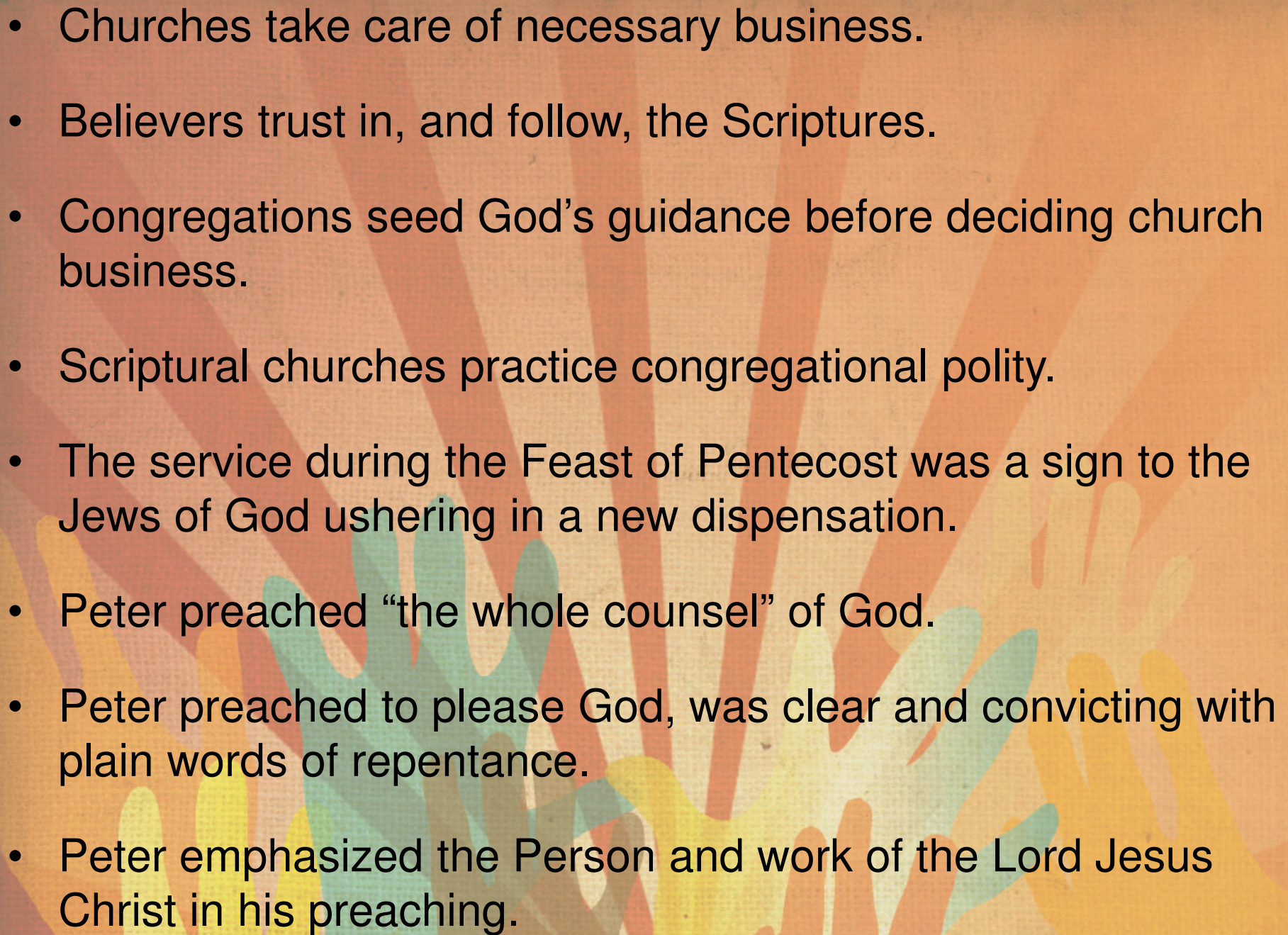
- The Plea, 2:40

Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Summary

The very first church had several principles that we must have in order to experience “HOW REVIVAL ACTS.”

- Jesus is the Head of the church.
- Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ’s and His Word is expected.
- A church must be empowered by the Holy Ghost.
- The unity of a church is depicted via prayer and supplication.
- The peace of such unity is given as assurance to a church.
- Christian disciples practice faithful church attendance.

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- Churches take care of necessary business.
 - Believers trust in, and follow, the Scriptures.
 - Congregations seek God's guidance before deciding church business.
 - Scriptural churches practice congregational polity.
 - The service during the Feast of Pentecost was a sign to the Jews of God ushering in a new dispensation.
 - Peter preached "the whole counsel" of God.
 - Peter preached to please God, was clear and convicting with plain words of repentance.
 - Peter emphasized the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ in his preaching.

Conclusion

Peter was not “wishy-washy” in preaching directly to the Jews.

1 Cor. 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

18 For **the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.**

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**