

HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 2:37-47



FIRED UP

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.

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.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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

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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..."

1 Pet. 1:23 Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but **of incorruptible**, by the word of **God**, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Jn. 4:1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, **2 (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)**

1 Cor. 1:14 **I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;**

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; **but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

- 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.

Lu. 24:49 And, **behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:** but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.**

Jn. 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

- The Plea, 2:40

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c. The Phenomenal Salvation of People, 2:41-47

(1) A Saved People, 2:41a “Then they that **gladly received his word** were baptized...”

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(2) A Separated People, 2:41b – “...and the same day there were **added *unto them*** about three thousand souls.”

The 3,000 souls were added to the church in Jerusalem, which was already in existence (Acts 1.)

(3) A Steadfast People, 2:42

2:42 And they **continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Original Word: προσκαρτερέω

Transliteration: proskartereó

Definition: I persist, persevere in, continue steadfast in; I wait upon.

Properly, to consistently showing strength which *prevails* (in spite of difficulties); to *endure* (remain firm), *staying* in a fixed direction.

Proskartereó means "to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty – 'to devote oneself to, to keep on, to persist in'"

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4342.htm>

Mt. 7:28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, **the people were astonished at his doctrine:**

Mt. 22:33 And when the multitude heard *this*, **they were astonished at his doctrine.**

Jn. 7:16 Jesus answered them, and said, **My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.**

17 **If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself.**

Rom. 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

Eph. 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* **profitable for doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Tim. 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and **doctrine**.

3 For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, **that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.**

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which **become sound doctrine**: ...

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: **in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity**, ...

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may **adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.**

2 Jn. 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not **in the doctrine of Christ**, hath not God. **He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.**

10 If there come any unto you, and bring not **this doctrine**, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed:

(4) A Sanctified People, 2:43a “And fear came upon every soul...”

(5) A Spectacular People, 2:43b “...and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.”

(6) A Single People, 2:44

2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

(7) A Sacrificial People, 2:45

2:45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

(8) A Spiritual People, 2:46

2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

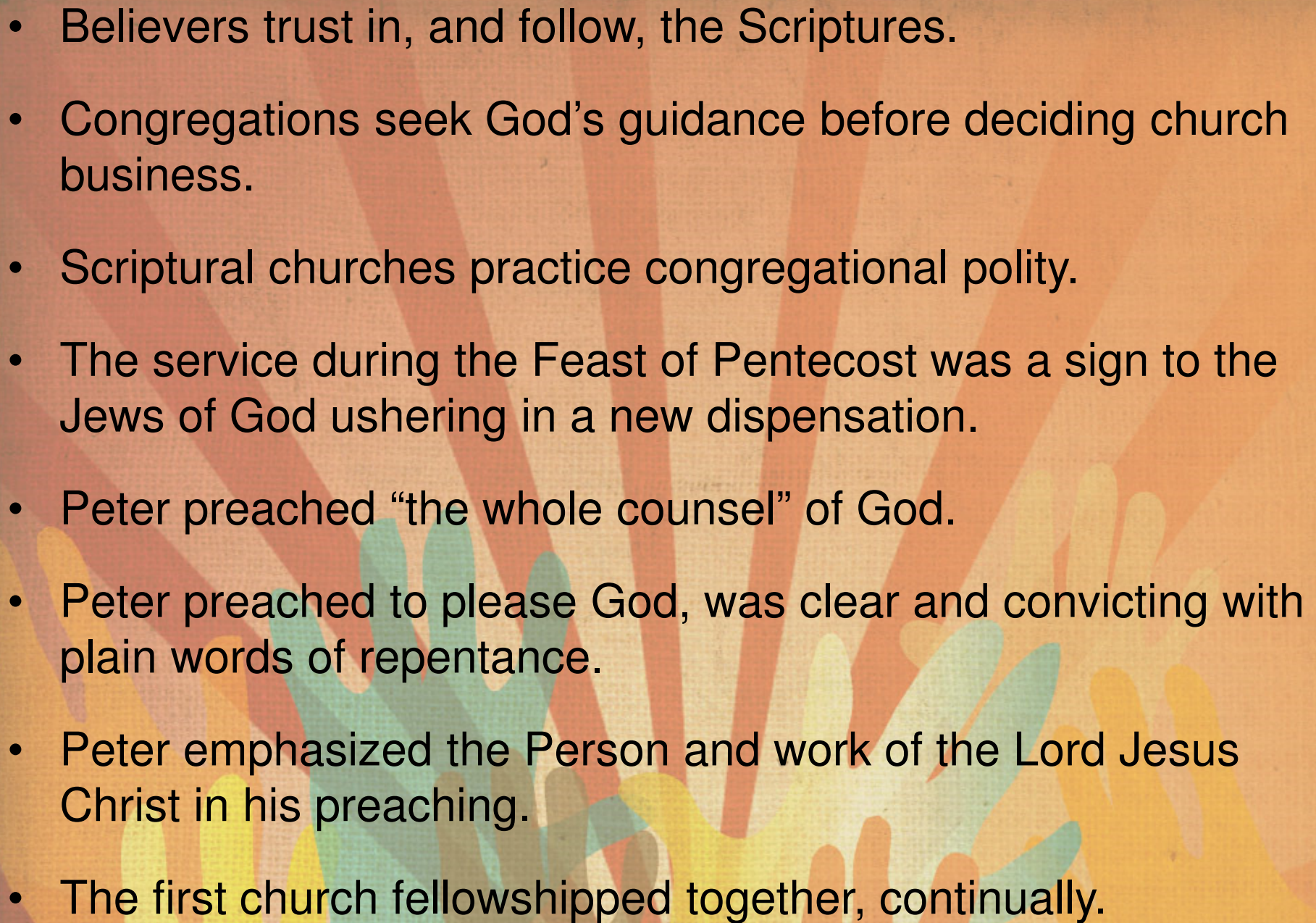
(9) A Singing People, 2:47a “Praising God, and having favour with all the people...”

(10) A Successful People, 2:47b “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

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.
- Churches take care of necessary business.

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- 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.
 - The first church fellowshiped together, continually.

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.**