

SEND THE FIRE — PART 3

1. The Setting

Acts 2:14-39

The Unique Context of Pentecost — An Event

The Unmistakable Purpose of Pentecost — An Explanation

The Universal Significance of Pentecost — An Experience

2. The Sermon

Peter authenticates Jesus as both Lord and Messiah.

I. THROUGH HIS MIRACLES (2:22).

II. THROUGH HIS DEATH (2:23).

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. “ (vv. 22-24)

“Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin.” Isaiah 53:10

III. THROUGH HIS RESURRECTION (2:24-32).

“Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.”

IV. THROUGH HIS EXALTATION AND THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (2:33-36).

“The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” (Ps 110.1)

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” (Vs. 36)

3. The Sequel (2:37-41)

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (vs. 37)

"When we learn to read the story of Jesus and see it as the story of the love of God, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves - that insight produces, again and again, a sense of astonished gratitude which is very near the heart of authentic Christian experience." - NT Wright

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Four steps to salvation:

Repent - will bring you a new freedom.

Respond - be baptised – will bring you a new family.

Receive the Holy Spirit – will bring you new power.

Remember the promise – will bring salvation to all.