

ACTS 2–THE HUB OF THE BIBLE

Acts 2 is referred to as the hub of the Bible. It has been said that everything before it points toward Acts 2 and everything after it points back to it. There are some significant things that occurred on this Pentecost day. You have the beginning of the work of H/S. The beginning of gospel preaching. The beginning of the church. The beginning of the Christian age or dispensation. The beginning of salvation through the blood of Christ. The beginning of the reign of Christ on David's throne.

I. Day of Pentecost.

- A. Pentecost was a Jewish holiday that came 50 days after the first day of Passover.
 - 1. It was a harvest festival, and was also called “the feast of the first fruits.”
 - 2. It always came on the first day of the week, because it was numbered as the day after the seventh Sabbath (Lev. 23:15,16).
 - 3. Pentecost means 50th.
- B. The Apostles were waiting.
 - 1. Mark 9:1
 - 2. Luke 24:45-49
 - 3. Acts 1:4,5,8
 - 4. Acts 2:1-4
- C. Pentecost was the day of beginnings.
 - 1. Beginning of preaching the gospel.
 - a. Peter preached the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ.
 - b. These facts could not have been preached until they had occurred.
 - 2. Beginning of salvation through Christ (Acts 2:37-47)
 - 3. Beginning of the church.
 - a. It was one body (Eph. 4:4)
 - b. It was the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22,23)
- D. Apostles received H/S (Acts 2:1-4)
 - 1. They refers to the apostles.
 - a. Pronoun connects to its nearest antecedent.
 - b. Acts 1:26–“apostles.”
 - 2. Promise was specific to the apostles.
 - a. John 16:12,13
 - b. John 14:25,26
 - c. Acts 1:2-5, 8

II. The Crowd (2:5-13)

- A. They heard the apostles speak in their own language.
 - 1. Verses 4, 6, 8..
 - 2. Spoke in language of the people present. (Apostles spoke)
- B. Many nationalities present.
- C. Many were amazed, but some were detractors (vss.12,13).

III. Response of Peter (2:14-36).

- A. Not intoxication, but inspiration was guiding the apostles.
 - 1. Prophecy given by Joel (Acts 2:16ff)
 - 2. Pentecostal movement of today bears no resemblance to what happened on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2.
- B. Peter preached Jesus (2:22-36)
 - 1. Peter preached the life, death, resurrection, ascension and Messiahship of Jesus
 - 2. He called Jesus “a man approved of God” by miracles, wonders, and signs.
 - 3. Since Jesus was approved of God by such means, then the miracles, wonders, or signs done by

the apostles showed them also to be approved of by God.

4. Therefore, there was divine credibility behind Peter's indictment (vss.22,23).
 5. Peter proceeded to discuss the glorious resurrection of our Lord.
 6. He made reference to David and Psalm 16
 7. David, as a prophet, foretold the resurrection of Christ from the dead to be exalted into heaven to sit on His throne.
 8. Jesus was not going to be left in Hades, but rather that He would conquer death and ascend to assume his position at the right hand of God.
 9. Let all the house of Israel know assuredly... (2:36)
- C. Their response (v.37)
1. Greatest question in all the world is the question asked of Peter on Pentecost.
 2. Acts 16:30
 3. Mark 10:17
 4. Luke 10:25
- D. Invitation (2:38-41)
1. Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins (v.38)
 2. Many who belittle baptism today.
 3. Whatever repentance is *for*, baptism is *for*.
 4. He invited them to come to the same Jesus they had killed in order that He might give them life.
 5. Invitation is extended to the whole world.
 - a. Great commission
 - b. Revelation 22:17
 6. About 3000 souls responded by obedience. (2:41)
- E. The increase (2:42-47)
1. Continue steadfastly (v.42)
 - a. Apostles doctrine. Doctrine is teaching. Fulfilling Matthew 28:19,20.
 - b. Fellowship. Sharing together, encouragement.
 - c. Breaking of bread. Lord's Supper.
 - d. Prayer. Absolute necessity of prayer
 - e. The church that continues steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, in the breaking of bread and in prayer, will be strong in the faith, hospitable, charitable, missionary – abounding in all good works.
 2. The people shared their possessions with others.
 3. The church, the divine body (v.47)
 - a. The Lord added to the church.
 - b. You do not join the church.
 - c. You join man made organizations, the Lord adds you to His church.

Con:

Acts 2...the hub of the Bible. So much in this chapter. The beginning that we talked about earlier. The answer to the greatest question. The response to it. What about you? Have you done what people told the people present that day to do in order to be saved? You can this very day if you are ready.