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Acts 2:36-41 NLT

- ³⁶ "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"
- ³⁷ Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"
- ³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God." ⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"
- ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

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FIRST THE BAD NEWS

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- You killed the Christ ...the Lord!
- The long-awaited Messiah ...beaten, flogged, crowned with thorns, impaled on a cross.
- The unthinkable ...and we did it!

THE QUESTION OF THE AGES ...WHAT SHALL WE DO?

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- Stories of careless mistakes
- Medical Mishaps
- Sleeping at the wheel
- Mistaking the Messiah for an interloper

HORROR-STRICKEN WE LONG FOR A GLIMMER OF HOPE

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- ❖ David's cry Psalm 51:1
- Can I make restitution?
- We cry out for understanding.
- What shall we do?
 Please, please
 ...tell me I'm not beyond hope!

HEAVEN'S ANSWER TO MY SIN ...REPENTANCE Acts 3:38

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- God looks for a contrite heart.
 Psalm 51:16,17
- It has been God's command for ages. Jeremiah 15:19
- ❖ Repent of perish! (Jesus said it.) Luke 13:3
- It means a U-Turn...a change of course...with remorse implied.
 Acts 3:19

GET BAPTIZED... A COMMAND REPEATED THROUGHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:38

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- **❖ By design…immersion…a washing.**Acts 22:16
- ❖ An ending and a beginning...burial and resurrection. Romans 6:3-4
- ★ My signature on the New Covenant.
 I Peter 3:21
- Jesus' own words about the results of belief and baptism:
 - "...shall be saved." Mark 16:16

WHAT BLESSINGS TO THOSE WHO OBEY

Acts 2:38

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- Forgiveness...a clean slate!
- The Holy Spirit as a gift ...to live in me!
- Yipee!

SYNECDOCHE... A PART REPRESENTS THE WHOLE

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- Any part of a process may be used to 'represent' the whole.
- When a part is used 'as the whole'...distortion.
- Where are you in the salvation process...belief, confession, repentance or baptism?

A GLORIOUS HARVEST OF SOULS SPRANG FROM THE SEED OF THE GOSPEL V. 41

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- Those who accepted the message were baptized.
- 3000 people were added to God's family.

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- You children
- Those who are 'far off'
- The Gospel is Inclusive...all who call on Jesus.
- The Gospel is Exclusive...all who call on Jesus.

AND YOU?

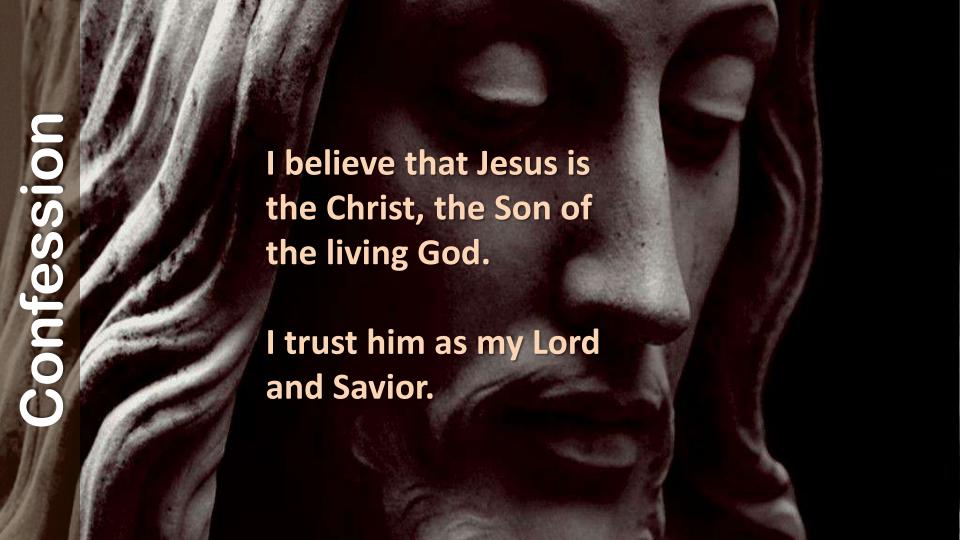
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- If you have heard and understand the Gospel: Repent and be baptized. Acts 2:38
- If you have repented of your sin: Arise and be baptized, calling on the Lord. Acts 22:16
- Jesus is calling. Heaven is waiting. Today can be the day of your salvation.



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- Acts 2:28

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