

# God's Plan for Saving Man

## LESSON FIVE - RESULTS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION

**TEXT: Acts 2:41**

### INTRODUCTION:

A. **Acts 2** DESCRIBES THE BEGINNING EFFORTS OF THE APOSTLES TO CARRY OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION.

1. Peter's summary & command( **Acts 2:36-38** ).
2. They who received his work( **vs. 41** ).

B. IF WE PUT A NEW FOOD OR MEDICINE ON THE MARKET, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DO FOLLOW-UP STUDIES ON ALL WHO USED THAT PRODUCT TO SEE ITS EFFECTS.

C. LET'S DO A FOLLOW-UP ON THESE FIRST CONVERTS TO LEARN THE EFFECTS OF BAPTISM ON US.

### I. SINS WASHED AWAY( Acts 2:38; 22:16 ).

A. BUT SOMEONE ALWAYS OBJECTS:

1. Aren't sins washed away by Jesus' blood?( **1 John 1:7** )**YES**.
2. Wasn't his blood poured out for remission?( **Matt. 26:28** )**YES**.

B. ONE PASSAGE SAYS BLOOD, THE OTHER SAYS BAPTISM. WHICH IS IT?

C. WHEN WE SAY BLOOD, WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? ( **Heb. 9:14-15** ).

D. HOW CAN WE FELLOWSHIP JESUS IN HIS DEATH?( **Rom. 6:3-4** ).

### II. THEY EXPERIENCED A "NEW BIRTH"( John 3:3-5 ).

A. THE RESULT OF BEING BEGOTTEN( **1 Pet. 1:3** ).

B. THE "SEED"( **1 Pet. 1:22-23** ).

C. JESUS & NICODEMUS - "**WHAT IS THIS NEW BIRTH?**"( **John 3:3-5** ).

1. Jesus addresses Nicodemus' questions

_____	<b>NATURE</b>	_____	<b>MODE</b>	
<b>Nicodemus</b>	_____	<b>Physical</b>	_____	<b>Mother's womb</b>
<b>Jesus</b>	_____	<b>Spiritual</b>	_____	<b>Water - Baptism</b>

2. Evidence in the context( **vs. 6-10** ).

D. IT IS THE NEW BIRTH THAT CREATES **HOPE**( **1 Pet. 1:3** ).

E. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF A "**NEW LIFE**"( **Rom. 6:3-4, 17-18** ).

### III. THEY WERE ADDED TO THE CHURCH( Acts 2:47 ).

A. BAPTISM PUTS ONE **INTO CHRIST**( **Gal. 3:27** )& THE BODY OF CHRIST ( **1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 1:18** ).

B. JESUS IS THE **SAVIOR OF THE BODY**( **Eph. 5:23** ). THIS IS BECAUSE THE BODY IS MADE UP OF THE SAVED( **Acts 2:47** ).

C. SINCE ALL IN THE CHURCH ARE WASHED IN THE BLOOD, THE CHURCH IS THE **BLOOD BOUGHT BODY**( **Acts 20:28** ).

D. **JESUS IS THE HEAD** OF THE BODY( **Eph. 1:22-23** ). WE MUST BE **SUBJECT TO HIM** IN ALL THINGS( **Col. 3:17** ).

**IV. BUT WHAT DID THEY DO FOLLOWING THEIR BAPTISM? ( **Acts 2:42** ).**

A. THEY CONTINUED IN THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING( **John 8:31** ).

B. THEY WENT ABOUT TEACHING OTHERS( **Acts 5:42** ).

**CONCLUSION: WHAT ABOUT YOU?**

A. HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE WORD?( **Acts 2:41** ).

B. IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU NEED TO BE BAPTIZED!

C. IF YOU HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED, WHAT EFFECT HAS IT HAD ON YOU?