

The Christian Ministry

The Day Jesus Ascended

The Apostles were left
with a mission. But then
again, so are we.

The GREAT
COMMISSION,
Matthew 28:19-20

HIS MISSION, OUR MISSION.

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*Contend earnestly for the faith which was once
for all handed down to the saints, Jude 1:3, NASB.*

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The 40 Days Before

After His resurrection, the Lord spent 40 days, as recorded in **Acts 1:3**, teaching the Apostles how He fulfilled prophecy in the Law of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms, as described in **Luke 24:44-49**. He also spoke to them of His kingdom.

Jesus said to them that it was written that He would suffer and rise again on the third day. He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures (**Luke 24:45**). Our Lord explained to them that *repentance and forgiveness of sins were to be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem*. He reminded them that they were His witnesses.



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The Promise Fulfilled

During His teaching, He told them they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:5**). We have this from **Acts 1:8** – *"but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

What's relevant to our topic is that He told them they would testify of Him, beginning from Jerusalem to the remotest part of the earth. Afterwards, Jesus ascended; He was lifted, and a cloud received Him out of their sight (**Acts 1:9**). What mission were the apostles to complete? Their testimony of Jesus, and the need for repentance and the forgiveness of sins (**Mk. 16:16**).



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Beginning The Mission

The Apostles did as Jesus commanded: they stayed in Jerusalem and waited. **Acts 2:1-4** has this: *"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."*

The Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak languages they didn't know. They could speak of Jesus in any language.



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Now, there were Jewish foreigners in Jerusalem for Pentecost, and each heard the apostles' testimony in their language (**Acts 2:5-12**).

Peter and the other apostles began testifying about Jesus, explaining the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. The remainder of Acts 2 contains Peter's sermon.

Acts 2:22-31 _____ Jesus was of David's lineage.

Acts 2:32-35 ____ The Apostles were His witnesses.

Acts 2:36 ____ God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:37 _____ People believed Peter's sermon.

They were cut deeply to their hearts,
and asked what they should do.

Acts 2:38 Peter told them to repent and be baptized

(Baptism means immerse; people are immersed in water to remove sin from one's soul.)



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Those who believed the message were baptized, and on that day, 3,000 souls were added to the church – the kingdom (**Acts 2:41**). It's important to note that the apostles preached Jesus, His resurrection, and the need for repentance and baptism.

One cannot be forgiven for one's sin unless one is baptized. One cannot be baptized until one repents and confesses belief in Jesus, and one cannot repent unless one believes. "The Jesus Message," friends, is true.

The new disciples (followers and learners of Jesus) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, to the breaking of bread (the Lord's Supper), and prayer (**Acts 2:43**).



Proclaiming Jesus Through The Book Of Acts

Jesus was proclaimed in the nations, beginning from Jerusalem, just as He commanded. Interestingly, everyone saved, as shown in Acts, followed the same steps to salvation. The following is found on the web at <http://bit.ly/4kEukgQ>. For salvation, see the following.

- *Immersion in water*
(**Acts 8:35–39; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12**)
- *of a penitent believer* (**Ac 2:38; 8:36–38; Mk 16:16**)
- *upon a public confession of faith in Jesus*
(**Acts 8:37; Matthew 10:32–33**)
- *for forgiveness of sins* (**Acts 2:38; 22:16**)
- *in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*



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This chart is also found at the web site posted on the previous page. It shows how everyone was saved.

Conversion Case:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Hear	2:14	8:5-6	8:30	9:4	10:33	13:7, 42	16:13	16:32	18:8	19:2
Believe		8:12	8:37	9:5-6	10:43	13:12, 48		16:34	18:8	19:2
Repent	2:38			9:9	11:18			16:33		
Confess	2:21		8:37	22:16						
Be baptized	2:41	8:12	8:38	9:18	10:48		16:15	16:33	18:8	19:5
Be saved	2:38			22:16	10:43					
Reaction	2:44	8:8	8:39		10:46	13:48		16:34		19:6
Remain faithful	2:42	8:22-24		9:19	10:48		16:15	16:34	18:11	

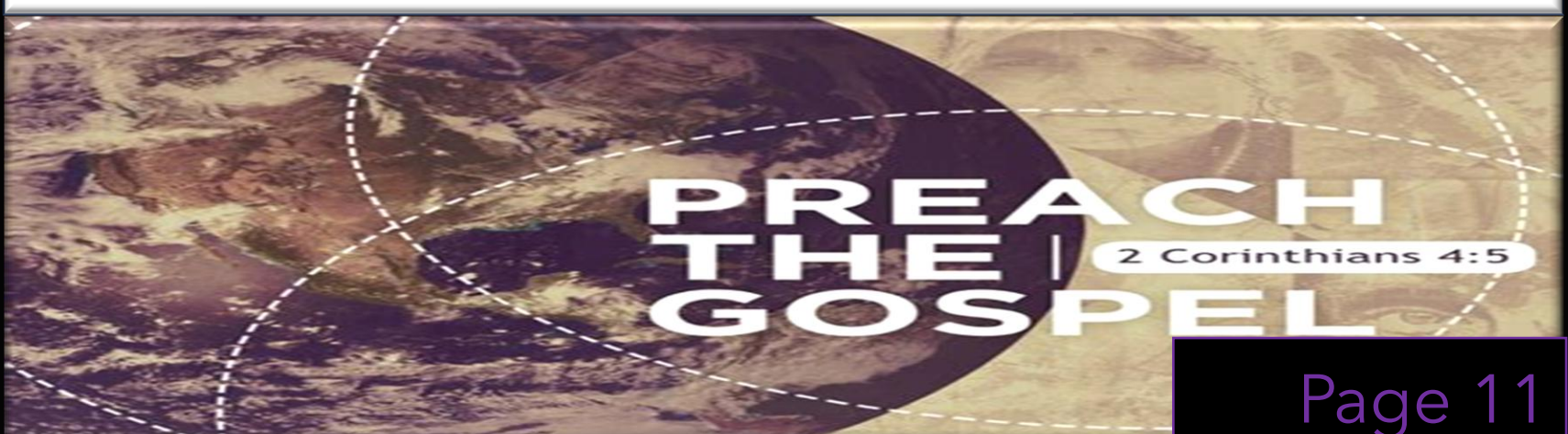
It's no different today; the Bible hasn't changed. We must follow Jesus' commands for salvation, or we will be eternally lost.



Jesus Was Preached Throughout The Known World

Listen to the apostle Paul **from Colossians 1:5-6**, "... the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth."

The message is still being preached today, all over the world. There are men who have preached on every continent (well, perhaps not Antarctica - but I have reason to believe that it has). Faithful gospel preachers preach the same message as the apostles: Jesus, crucified for the sins of the world, resurrected from the dead, ascended to heaven to God's right hand, reigning over the kingdom of heaven, His church.



Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

1. Do you believe the Bible is God's word? *2 Timothy 3:16*
2. Do you believe Jesus came to earth to save sinners? *Luke 19:10*
3. Are you willing to submit to Jesus for salvation? *Matthew 7:21*

Then, Submit To Him. How?

Believe: *John 8:24*

Repent: *Luke 13:3*

Confess: *Matthew 10:32*

Be Baptized: *Mark 16:16*

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2 Corinthians 7:10

Contact Us!

You are always invited to attend a 30 Minute-Bible Study. If you're close by, let's arrange an in-person Bible Study (Bay City, TX). Additionally, we can discuss the Bible via Google Meet if you prefer. Just let me know.

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A vertical photograph of a mountain valley at dawn or dusk. The sun is positioned in the center of the frame, just above the horizon line, creating a bright starburst effect with multiple rays of light. The sun is reflected in a calm body of water in the foreground, creating a symmetrical image. The mountains on either side are dark and silhouetted against the lighter sky. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

May the Lord bless you, friends.