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The Holy Spirit at Pentecost

[\(Joel 2:28-32; John 14:15-26; John 16:5-16; Acts 10:44-48; Acts 19:1-7\)](#)

1And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

From Pulpit Commentary: *“The fiftieth day (reckoned from the end of the 16th of Nisan, on which Jesus was crucified) was actually come, but was not ended.”*

Was Paul ever chosen by Jesus to be an Apostle? There is a discussion that Peter acted too quickly, that God had a different plan. Matthias was chosen by lots, and we hear nothing more of him.

Paul on the other hand who used to be Saul of Tarsus the destroyer of those of “the way” (Christians), was blinded by Christ Himself, chosen to be the messenger to the Gentiles and wrote 13 letters of the New Testament. Paul is arguably more well known from the Bible than almost all other Apostles than John.

The letters (Books) Paul wrote, were; Romans, 1 and 2
Corinthians Philemon, Galatians, Philippians, 1 and 2
Thessalonians, Ephesians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus

2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

As with other events this idea of speaking in tongs has garnered controversy between Pentecostals and those of more traditional beliefs of what happened here. We are told nothing more in these three verses than a sound was heard by those present. The sound filled the house that the disciples were in. These same disciples then saw a visible flame that was described as “tongues of fire”. This event resulted in the first New Covenant filling of men with the Holy Spirit. It was a promise made and promise fulfilled. The fulfillment of the promise led to the first proselytizing of Hebrew and non-Hebrew visitors to Jerusalem.

5And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

This does not clarify whether the person speaking spoke in a foreign language or the person hearing, heard in their own language. In either case a miracle that God was able to create like so many other miracles. The Gospel, the Good News was to be spread worldwide.

7And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. 12And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 13Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

The term “Galileans” was a bit of a derogatory term and later became associated with Christians. Those from that area spoke a specific dialect that made them recognizable.

Vincent's Word Studies

“They were blamed for neglecting the study of their language, and charged with errors in grammar and ridiculous mispronunciations.”

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

Peter is about to give the first Preaching of the Good News since Jesus's ascension. Peter was known for his boldness in certain circumstances but not so much in other events. Those days are now gone, and Peter is going to take on the role Jesus gave him and trained him to carry out.

It was Peter that tried to walk on water with Christ, it was Peter who rebuked Jesus about Jesus saying He must die, it was Peter that suggested that they build tabernacles for Elijah and Moses, it was Peter that severed the ear of the Temple guard with a sword, it was Peter that boasted that he would never deny Christ. But Jesus chose Peter and Peter was about to start his walk-in spectacular courage.

Peter was addressing predominately the Jewish Nation that was present. He will make a reference to the prophet Joel and his point to "and it shall come to pass in the last days".

I think we can all see that we are approaching or are in the last days. It has been said "the reason for the Tribulation is for the Salvation of the Jewish Nation". The blood shed we have seen over the past 24 hours won't even register on the horrific scale once the Tribulation starts and Israel is targeted. Is this the

beginning of the targeting of Israel in “the last days”? Time will tell but we can see the season of anti-Jewish hatred is upon us.

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Trivia question: Which of these three men were Jews and which were gentiles: Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob?

All were gentiles meaning not Jewish. The term Jew is a shortened version of Judah. Judah was one of the sons of Jacob later named Israel by God. So, none of them could be Jewish as Judah had not been born yet, nor the term Jew or Jewish existed until later at the Exodus from Egypt.

Some are calling this the One World Church, I don't think this is it but definitely a step in that direction.

Newsweek Headline: *“Mosque, Synagogue and Church Being Built Together in Abu Dhabi*

Sep 24, 2019 at 10:12 PM EDT

Tensions are still high in the Middle East, but there is hope: Plans have just been unveiled for a new massive interfaith complex in Abu Dhabi, encompassing a mosque, a church and a synagogue”

(RNS) <https://religionnews.com> — On Thursday, Feb. 16, the United Arab Emirates officially opened the Abrahamic Family House, consisting of a mosque, church and synagogue that face one another on the same square in Abu Dhabi. Beside each one stands a tall pillar illuminating an Islamic crescent, Christian cross and a Jewish menorah, respectively, shining a hopeful light for interfaith tolerance and understanding. Something good is happening in the desert — but will it make a lasting difference?

The road to Thursday's opening began with Pope Francis' [February 2019 trip](#) to the UAE, where he met with the grand imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb, leader of the oldest Islamic educational institute in the world. Their meeting ended with their signing of the [Document on Human Fraternity, which set ambitious goals to foster interfaith understanding.](#)

Four years later, Muslims, Christians and Jews gathered to inaugurate the three worship centers, each representing one of the three Abrahamic faiths, and a representative from each faith provided inaugural remarks.

This is a quote from the Document on Human

Fraternity: - Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action. The pluralism and the diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as too the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept;

God did not grant us as Believers *“Freedom is a right of every person; each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action.*

God set boundaries on our belief's, thoughts, expressions, and actions. God identified certain beliefs, thoughts, expressions, and actions as sin. We do not have any right to object or refuse those Godly determinations. He said there are sins, and He is God.

Now on to our study: Acts 2:14

14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

The Hebrew nation was governed by the Law and traditions that stemmed from that law of God. From Moses they were told to eat bread in the morning and meat at evening. The tradition was that they would only have wine with the evening meal the meat, so by practice they did not drink in the morning was Peter's point.

Exodus 16:8 And Moses said, This shall be, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

This direction took place when Israel was given manna in the morning and quail in the evening for food. That is a reason Peter used this verse to reach the minds and hearts of those Hebrews present. They would understand that this thing they saw happening was way beyond being drunk early in the morning when it was not their custom to do.

16But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

These people saw the fulfillment the first fulfillment of this Old Testament Prophecy. It appears that this prophecy will repeat itself in the true last days.

There were a number of prophecies about the end times also called the “times of the gentiles”. There was earlier partial fulfillment of these prophecies but God was clear there would be a later fulfillment of them as well.

Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh

shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Daniel 10:14

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

Acts 10:45

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Psalms 72:6

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

Proverbs 1:23

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

*Luke 21: **10**Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: **11**And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. **12**But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. **13**And it shall turn to you for a testimony. **14**Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: **15**For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. **16**And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. **17**And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. **18**But there shall not an hair of your head perish. **19**In your patience possess ye your souls.*

19And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

([John 14:15-26](#); [John 16:5-16](#); [Acts 2:1-13](#); [Acts 10:44-48](#); [Acts 19:1-7](#))

Other verses that reference the coming of the Holy Spirit

John 14: **15***If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*

25*These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,*

whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16: 5But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. 7Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

16A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

Some of the first gentiles Believed and receive the Holy Spirit from Peter's teaching.

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as

*came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. **46**For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, **47**Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? **48**And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*

Acts 19: ***1**And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, **2**He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. **3**And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. **4**Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **5**When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6**And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **7**And all the men were about twelve.*

22Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

We have seen in scripture that Jesus's presence on earth was no small matter to Israel. Many people heard and saw Him. The Word of what He had done in miracles, in speech, in actions was well known. Now Peter is convicting those standing listening to him about what their lying eyes and lying ears had seen. They

could no longer walk in the lie the religious leaders had spread. There was just too much evidence.

The next words about Christ are a two-edged sword that will cut to the very marrow of those who hear. The Holy Spirit will begin His ministry of Conviction in the heart of man to a saving knowledge of Jesus the Messiah whom they Crucified just 50 days previously.

23Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

This is a quote from Pslams 16:8. David was a warrior, and 2 things are known about the right hand. It is where the strength comes from and in battle the person to your right would extend his shield to cover the one to his left. It created a phalanx that allowed each warrior to be protected by the person to his right and allow each warrior to use his own right hand/arm to wield a weapon. David is declaring he is protected by the might hand of the Messiah.

David continues:

26Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

David was rejoicing in this prophecy about him and about the Messiah to come. David was sure of his salvation through God. God also told David that the Messiah would overcome the grave and not see corruption of His body when sent to the grave. “neither will thou suffer thine Holy One (capitalized as a proper name) to see corruption”.

Now we go back to Peter speaking:

29Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

The first time David had heard of what or who his progeny would be was from the Prophet Nathan. God tells David through His Prophet these words.

2 Samuel 7:11 And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. **12** And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. **14** I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

We know that Jesus walked a perfect life with no sin. So, vs 14 is speaking of Jesus taking on the sins of mankind. And for those sins God would see Jesus ***“chastened with the rod of men and with the stripes of the children of men:”*** Jesus in His walk to Crucifixion was beaten by the Romans with rods and horrible whips that would fulfill this prophecy through Nathan to David.

Continue: 2 Samuel 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. **16** And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. **17** According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

Back to Peter:

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Peter is explaining that David was assured that his progeny the Messiah would not stay in Hell or in the Greek Hades:

From Strong's Concordance:

“Transliteration: hadés

Phonetic Spelling: (hah'-dace)

Definition: Hades, the abode of departed spirits

Usage: Hades, the unseen world”.

The Body of Believers the CHURCH will be resurrected to eternal life in two almost simultaneous moments.

The souls of Believers that die after Christ but before the Rapture the souls/spirits are immediately redeemed to heaven with Jesus. Their bodies will see corruption, decay, but their Spirit is with Christ immediately at death. But a day comes in which that decayed body is resurrected; at Rapture reunited with the Soul and Spirit of that person.

At Rapture we are given to understand that those who died in Christ and were buried will rise first, ascending to be with Christ forever. Then those of us who are alive will be changed in and instant in the twinkling of an eye and ascend (be caught up) Raptured to also be with Christ forever.

32This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Peter tells these in Judea that many saw the Resurrected Jesus and it cannot be denied. Jesus promised while He was still alive that He would not leave those who loved Him alone. He would send another to indwell and live inside them. The Holy Spirit, the Comforter as Jesus called Him would come to live in Believers.

The answer as to whether David ascended into heaven at his death is in vs 34.

34For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

At this point with the Apostles did not have a clear and full understanding of those who had died under the Old Covenant and had been transported to Heaven by Christ when He rose from the dead. Their bodies still are in the grave today, their souls and spirits were moved from Hades IE: Paradise to Heaven where they await the day of Rapture as do, we who are still alive.

There was a time when God overlooked the ignorance of mankind. But as He taught us and the Church Fathers, ignorance was no longer acceptable. The Holy Spirit was teaching Peter and the others to overcome ignorance as we will see in Acts.

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Here we have Peter quoting King David from Psalms 101

Psalms 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Much later than these first acts of the Apostles Paul wrote this to the Corinthians. They were struggling with the whole idea of resurrection. The Holy Spirit had taught the Apostles and Paul a good deal about death, burial, and resurrection. Peter had not at this point a full understanding perhaps of what all of this meant but he was way ahead of the religious leaders of that day. Paul by the power of the Holy Spirit put so to speak “more meat on the bones” when writing to the Corrinthians.

1 Corrinthians:15 [35](#)But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? [36](#)Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: [37](#)And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: [38](#)But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. [39](#)All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. [40](#)There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. [41](#)There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

[42](#)So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: [43](#)It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is

raised in power: [44](#)It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. [45](#)And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. [46](#)Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. [47](#)The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. [48](#)As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. [49](#)And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Where O Death is Your Victory?

*([Isaiah 57:1-2](#)) [1](#)The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering **that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.** (emphasis mine)*

[2](#)He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

We have spoken of this in the past but I did not have a verse that would speak to the idea of God taking someone home early so they did not have to endure something coming. That is what is spoken of here in Isaiah 57:1-2

[50](#)Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. [51](#)Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52](#)In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [53](#)For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. [54](#)So

when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. [55](#)O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? [56](#)The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. [57](#)But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[58](#)Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Back to Peter's speaking to those in Jerusalem within hours of Pentecost.

[35](#)Until I make thy foes thy footstool. [36](#)Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Peter mixes no words, his accusation against the citizens and visitors to Jerusalem who stood by and watched were as guilty as those who Crucified the Lord God and Messiah.

Three Thousand Believe

[37](#)Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

This type of reaction in their lives and in our own is from the Work of the Holy Spirit. How many of us will condemn ourselves without some provoking by an outside force. Peter was the voice of the

Holy Spirit to men at this moment. But it was the Holy Spirit in however He enters the minds and hearts of men that cause us to understand how repulsive our own acts or failures are in God's sight.

Peter was speaking as a sinner to sinners and to us; all of us sinners, falling far short of the Glory of God. We as did they understand we deserve death but for the Grace and Mercy of God we should all spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.

38Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

There are perhaps only two steps to Salvation: 1) admit you are a sinner. 2) Ask Jesus to save you and come into your heart.

A third step that does not bring about Salvation but is a command to carry out an outward expression of an inward event: Baptized in water in the name of Jesus. A persons first declaration perhaps to the public that they now belong to Christ.

39For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

How far off? The entire world. How many did God call to repentance? All. Will “all” come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Sadly, NO.

40And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

“Untoward” in the Greek is

Transliteration: skolios

Phonetic Spelling: (skol-ee-os')

Definition: curved, winding, crooked

Usage: crooked, perverse, unfair, curved, tortuous.

It is where we get our word for a medical condition called “Scoliosis.”

<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/15837-adult-scoliosis>

“Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine (backbone).”

Peter told his listeners to save themselves from this “untoward generation” or in our vernacular “this crooked, perverse, generation.

41Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Added to what? The beginning of the big C Church. The one that Christ started and that the Holy Spirits works tirelessly to fill to its fullest extent. God knows the name of every member of His

Church, He has known their names since before He laid the foundation of the earth. He knows the beginning from the end.

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

[Isaiah 45:21](#)

Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

The Fellowship of Believers

[\(Acts 4:32-37\)](#)

42And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Pslams 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

44And all that believed were together, and had all things common; **45**And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. **46**And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

**47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people.
And the Lord added to the church daily such as should
be saved.**