

# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

## WATER BAPTISM – PART 3

**Acts 2:36-41 KJV** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. (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? (38) Then 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. (39) For 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. (40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

- These people had rejected the message of Jesus of repentance and the Kingdom of GOD
- These people had refused to accept Jesus as their messiah
- These people chose Barabas to live and Jesus to be crucified

### NOW BECAUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN THEIR HEART!

- THERE IS NO CHANGE OF ATTITUDE WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT
- THERE IS NO CHANGE OF LIFE WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT
- THERE IS NO CHANGE OF DESTINY WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

## PREPARING THE HEART FOR WATER BAPTISM

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### I. HEAR THE GOSPEL – **when they heard**

**Heard** - to take in or admit to mental acceptance

To listen to, to understand

- a. The Holy Spirit must open the ear
  - i. Give careful attention
  - ii. Identify the value
  - iii. Make personal application

### II. BE GENUINELY CONVICTED BY THE GOSPEL - **pricked in their heart**

Prick –

- ❖ to pierce or penetrate with a needle, lancet, or sharp instrument.
- ❖ to pierce with grief, or acute pain of any kind.
- ❖ they were suddenly and deeply affected with anguish and alarm at what Peter had said.

- a. The Holy Spirit must touch the heart
  - i. Recognize the serious condition
  - ii. Be motivated to correct the condition
  - iii. The conscience is awakened

### III. TAKE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL - **what shall we do**

- a. The Holy Spirit must empower to act
  - i. **Repent** - to *think differently*  
to undergo a change in frame of mind and feeling  
to make a change of principle and practice
    - 1. Acknowledge your condition.
    - 2. Be willing to turn away from old ways.
    - 3. Accept the LORD's help.

## BENEFITS OF WATER BAPTISM

**Acts 2:38-39 KJV** Then 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**. (39) For 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.

- I. IDENTITY WITH JESUS. - **baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ**
  - a. In His life
  - b. In His death
  - c. In His righteousness
- II. FORGIVENESS OF SINS. - **the remission of sins**
  - a. Thru faith in Jesus
  - b. Thru the sacrifice of Jesus
  - c. Thru the blood/life of Jesus
- III. THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST. - **receive the gift of the Holy Ghost**
  - a. The indwelling presence of the Spirit of GOD
  - b. The indwelling power of the Spirit of GOD
  - c. The indwelling provision of the Spirit of GOD
- IV. MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH/BODY OF CHRIST