

# God's Plan For Man: The Gospel

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## Introduction:

The Old Testament looks forward to the coming of the Messiah and the establishment of His Kingdom. In the Gospels we read of the birth, works, and death of Jesus on the cross. In **Luke 24.44-49** we read what is often called "The Great Commission." Luke tells us that everything that happened to Jesus was according to God's plan. We want to look now at the events on the Day of Pentecost. On that day three things happened; the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles, they preached the Gospel, and the church was established.

### I) Fulfillment of Prophecy

#### A) The coming of the Holy Spirit

1. Before His death, Jesus foretold of the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
***<sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13***
2. In **Acts 1**, Jesus tells His disciples to go to Jerusalem and not many days from now they would receive the Holy Spirit.
3. They would be inspired to teach and witness Jesus.
4. Beginning of **Acts 2** we read of the Holy Spirit coming on the Apostles.
  - a. Important to establish that all that was said was true.

#### B) **Acts 2.17-21** Peter says that the events of this day were in fulfillment of prophecy.

***But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:  
<sup>17</sup> 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,***

*Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
And they shall prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *I will show wonders in heaven above  
And signs in the earth beneath:  
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun shall be turned into darkness,  
And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

<sup>21</sup> *And it shall come to pass  
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD  
Shall be saved.' Acts 2:16-21*

1. A number of prophecies in the Old Testament pointed toward the Day of Pentecost.

a. **Isaiah 2.2-3** at Jerusalem the Law of God would go forth

<sup>2</sup> *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days  
That the mountain of the LORD's house  
Shall be established on the top of the mountains,  
And shall be exalted above the hills;  
And all nations shall flow to it.*

<sup>3</sup> *Many people shall come and say,  
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
To the house of the God of Jacob;  
He will teach us His ways,  
And we shall walk in His paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2-3*

b. **Isaiah 62.1-2** the Gentiles would be called

<sup>2</sup> *The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,  
And all kings your glory.*

***You shall be called by a new name,  
Which the mouth of the LORD will name. Isaiah 62:2***

c. ***Joel 2.28-32*** whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

2. Peter identifies the fulfillment of these prophecies here and now.

a. At the city of Jerusalem, on the Day of Pentecost, 33 A.D.

**C) What happen on that day?**

## **II) The preaching of the Gospel**

**A) The Gospel includes the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,**

***“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—<sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;<sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. Acts 2:22-24***

1. We read of the miracles performed by Jesus. They confirmed Him being the Son of God and His teaching.

2. The death of Jesus was foretold in the Old Testament.

a. Prophecies concerning His being betrayed by Judas and sold for thirty pieces of silver.

b. Psalm describes the pain and agony of Jesus upon the cross.

3. Jesus foretold His death and resurrection very early in His ministry,

**<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”**

**<sup>20</sup> Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build**

*this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”*

<sup>21</sup> *But He was speaking of the temple of His body.* <sup>22</sup> *Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.* **John 2:19-22.**

4. The prophecy of **Isaiah 53** was being read by the Ethiopian Eunuch in **Acts 8.32-33.**

<sup>32</sup> *The place in the Scripture which he read was this:*

*“He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;  
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.*

<sup>33</sup> *In His humiliation His justice was taken away,  
And who will declare His generation?  
For His life is taken from the earth.”* **Acts 8:32-33**

(Notice that Philip preached “Jesus” to him, **v. 35.**)

## **B) On the Day of Pentecost, we have the first Gospel sermon**

1. They were told of Jesus’ position, at the right hand of God.
2. They were told “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
3. When asked what they should do, Peter told the crowd to **“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”** **Acts 2.38**
  - a. There is no other creed or doctrine given by the Holy Spirit
  - b. The Gospel is God’s power to save, **Romans 1.16**. It is through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel, man is saved.
  - c. In our obedience to the Gospel of Christ, our sins are washed away by His blood.

- d. In the Bible they are called Christians, **Acts 11.26**; and saints, referring to them being sanctified by the blood of Christ.

### III) The Preaching of the Gospel

#### A) Every case of conversion in Acts begins with people hearing the word of God.

- 1. They had to be taught
  - a. Jesus is the Son of God
  - b. They had to believe
  - c. They had to repent of their sins
  - d. They had to confess Jesus as the Son of God
  - e. They had to be baptized for the remission of their sins.
- 2. None of these things are intuitive and none are optional. Hence the emphasis on “had”.

#### B) The Gospel spreads as believers do their part.

- 1. God knows only by hearing can man believe.

***<sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:***

***“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,***

***Who bring glad tidings of good things!”***

***<sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

***<sup>18</sup> But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:***

***“Their sound has gone out to all the earth,***

***And their words to the ends of the world.” Romans 10:14-18***

2. Not everybody will believe but without the preaching of the Word no one will be able to believe.
3. As believers we must spread the word by our life and by words.

**Conclusion:**

The song "You Never Mentioned Him to Me".

VERSE 1

WHEN IN THE BETTER LAND, BEFORE THE BAR WE STAND  
HOW DEEPLY GRIEVED OUR SOULS WILL BE  
IF ANY LOST ONE THERE, SHOULD CRY IN DEEP DESPAIR  
YOU NEVER MENTIONED HIM TO ME

VERSE 2

O LET US SPREAD THE WORD, WHERE-EER IT MAY BE HEARD  
HELP GROPING SOULS THE LIGHT TO SEE  
THAT YONDER NONE MAY SAY, YOU SHOWED ME NOT THE WAY  
YOU NEVER MENTIONED HIM TO ME

VERSE 3

A FEW SWEET WORDS MAY GUIDE, A LOST ONE TO HIS SIDE  
OR TURN SAD EYES ON CALVARY  
SO WORK AS DAYS GO BY, THAT YONDER NONE MAY CRY  
YOU NEVER MENTIONED HIM TO ME