

A Response to the Pentecostal Message

Acts 2:36-47

Sunday School Notes

Part 8

Now when Israel heard this, they were pricked in their heart..... Acts 2:37

Simple definitions: Untoward – (vs. 40)-difficult to guide, manage or work with; unruly, marked for trouble or unhappiness. Definition from: Webster's Seventh New Collegiate. This describes the children of Israel. This generation would be "cut off" of the olive tree (Israel) so that branches of the "wild olive tree" (Gentiles) could be grafted into their place (Rom. 11:16-25). In 35 years they would be almost wiped out when Antiochus Epiphanes destroys Jerusalem (70 A.D.).

Although this is a Kingdom message being preached to a bunch of Jews, there are patterns and principles hear for both preaching and the local church.

As with any good sermon it brings its hearers to a conclusion that demands a response. Here is how this sermon breaks down. You could argue that Peter's message starts earlier than vs. 22, say maybe 14. Never the less.

The Message

1. Intro: vs. 22-24
2. Body: vs. 25-31
3. Conclusion: vs. 32-36
4. Response: vs. 37
5. Invitation: vs. 38-40
6. Lasting results: vs. 41-47

There is also a practical pattern for the church in vs. 42- 47

The Church

1. They received the word _____ . vs. 41
2. They are to be _____ after they have received (and believed) the truth. vs. 41
3. They continued in _____, _____, _____ with each other. Vs.42
4. Spent time in _____ together. Vs. 42
5. In vs. 44 they meet together and shared together.
6. Then finally they _____ God (vs. 47), not just on Sundays but _____. Vs. 46