



THE TRANSITION FROM ISRAEL TO THE CHURCH

Acts 2:36-41

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Welcome Church! This is a new year with new morning mercies of God every day. I would like to conclude our Series of Jesus, My Lord and My God by looking at the Transition from Israel to the Church in Acts chapter 2. This was an extraordinary time for an extraordinary purpose to fulfill that which God has divinely planned. Jesus spent 40 days appearing to the apostles and others as the resurrected Christ.

His last words to his disciples was to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Father, which is God sending His own Spirit to His people. God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit ordained and orchestrated His good, pleasing, & perfect will from Creation to the Cross and now through His Church.

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"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

1. Pentecost was a PRE-FULFILLMENT of the Second Coming. (v. 17-21)

Signs of the Spirit's arrival for the disciples:

- Divided fiery tongues — fire-like appearances that display divine presence of God.
- Filled with the Spirit — this is a Spirit-controlled behavior that God commands believers to maintain.
- Other Tongues — known languages as a sign of judgment to unbelieving Israel.

2. Jesus, a MAN Attested by God to be The MESSIAH. (v. 22-32)

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

3. The Holy Spirit Came as the Believer’s INHERITANCE. (v. 33-35)

Faith has come by hearing the Word of God in three ways in Peter’s conclusion:

- KNOWLEDGE that Jesus is Lord and Christ
- CONVICTION about Sin and Shame it brings
- IDENTIFY with Christ and His Church

When we identify ourselves with Jesus Christ and His church, it is costly to accept. We repent and are baptized because of the remission from sin. Since God has saved us, we gladly accept the act of obedience of identifying with Jesus, our Lord and our God. All people of Jews or Gentiles who are called by the Lord would be able to share in the gift of salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit.