

CHAPTER 25.3

ACTS

"PENTECOST PREACHING"
Acts 2:22-41
November 27, 2016

Since God's plan is through Jesus, what we do with Jesus has eternal consequences.

I. God's plan is through Jesus.

A. Incarnation

1. Work (22)
2. Death (23)
3. Resurrection (24, 32)

B. Exaltation (33)

1. Right hand of God
2. Lord and Christ (36)

II. What we do with Jesus has eternal consequences.

A. We crucified Jesus. (23, 36)

B. We must turn from sin and to Jesus to be saved. (38-41)

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"PENTECOST PRODUCT"
Acts 2:42-47

Passage Overview:

We learn a lot about what the church should look like from these few verses. In one day, the number of believers exploded from 100+ to over 3000! How could they handle growth like that?

The apostles didn't gather for strategy meetings. Instead, the new believers were deeply devoted to four essentials: the apostles teaching, fellowship, breaking bread together, and prayer. Meeting regularly and repeatedly together for these four purposes, they grew in unity.

Soon they were helping one another in very tangible ways. The new community was of greater value than their belongings. So belongings were sold to provide for those in need. They were truly one body, caring for each part. They were a family, looking out for one another. They generously gave and received out of glad hearts.

The Spirit continued to work through the apostles and many miraculous signs were evidence that the work of Jesus was still continuing. Awe and wonder descended upon the believers and outside observers alike. They were filled with praise to the Lord. These weren't followers of Peter or James, or any of the other disciples. Their adoration was all Jesus centered.

As outsiders looked on, they did so with favor. This new thing that was happening in Jerusalem was certainly different, but it was certainly good. Daily, the Lord added to their number those who believed on Jesus.

Jews from across the known world, coming out of the diaspora, were suddenly loving one another as if they were family. They were one body. They cared for one another deeply. This unity was the Spirit's doing, the Spirit's gift.

Reading for Next Week: Acts 2:42-47