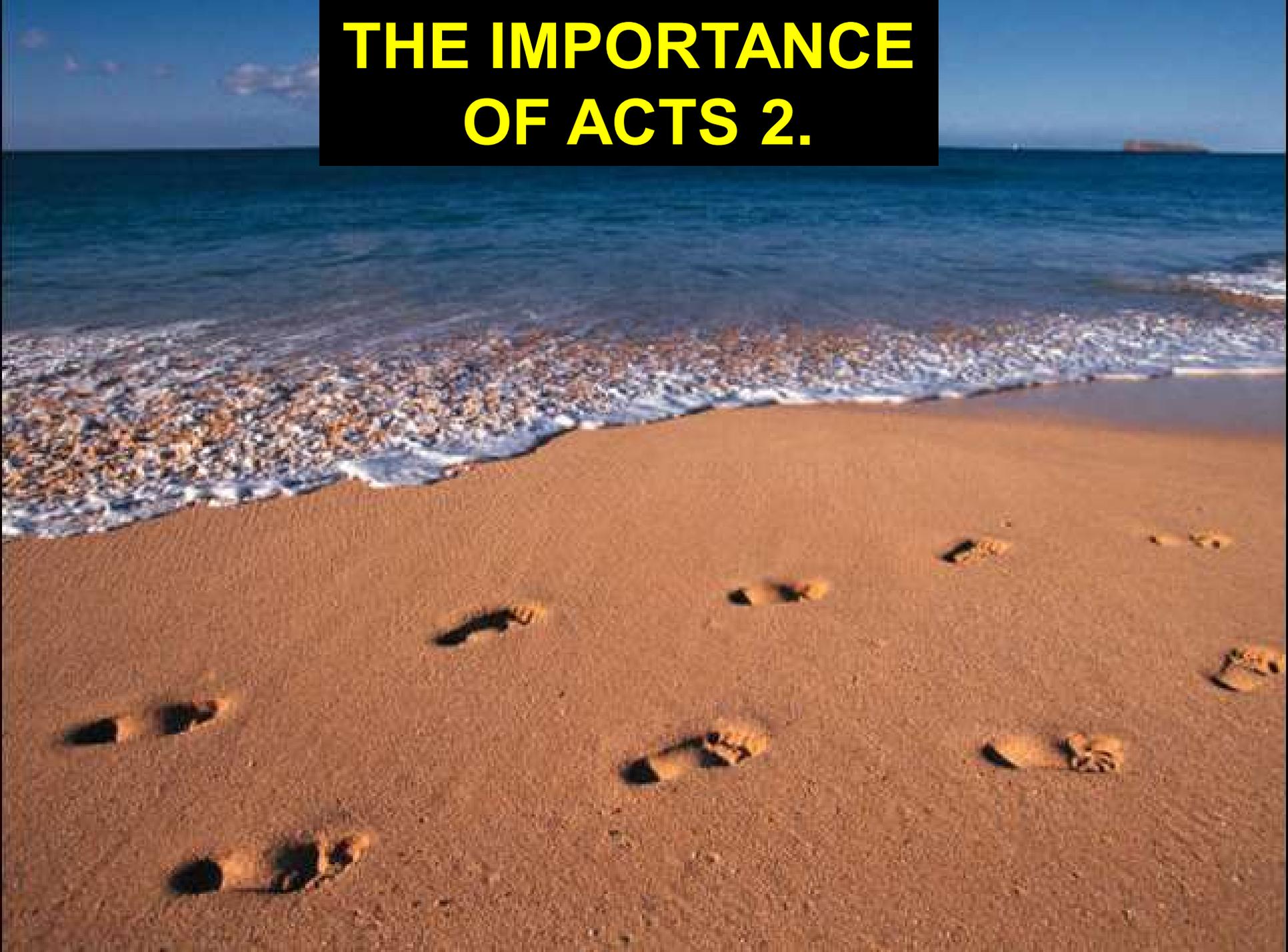


THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.



Acts chapter 2.

It would be good to remind ourselves of why the historical book of Acts and chapter 2 in particular is so important to **ALL OF US.**

Jesus Death Burial and resurrection was the pinnacle of the all that God had planned. All the Old testament Sacrifices found their completion in the Death of Jesus.

But nobody understood the significance of what had just taken place until Peter stood up to explain it in the first gospel sermon.

Acts chapter 2.

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Because it explains the grace of God through the death burial and resurrection of Jesus.

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of the whole MESSAGE of God.**

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points forward
to the death burial and
resurrection of the Christ.**

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**The NEW Testament
from Acts
points BACKWARD
to the death burial
and resurrection of the Christ.**

Books of Law/Torah

Books of History

Books of Poetry

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

ESTHER
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Songs of Solomon

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL

DANIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

Biography/Gospels

History

Paul's letters

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS
1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

Other letters

Book of Prophecy

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

REVELATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

LAW or TORAH:- Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

These five books **written by Moses** are referred to as the **'books of Law' (Torah) or 'The Pentateuch.'**

They tell the story of **Creation** and God's dealings with man from **the beginning of time until the forming of the nation of Israel** ready to enter the **land of Canaan.**

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

HISTORY:- Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1/2 Samuel, 1/2 Kings, 1/2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.

These **12 books** cover the **History of Israel** as a nation from the entering into Canaan the period of being ruled by Judges.

Their desire for a King,
the dividing of the nation,
the **exile** of both Israel and Judah
and the **return to Canaan**.

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

POETRY:- Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

The 5 books from Job to Song of Solomon.

These are **a collection** of different **Hebrew poetry** books from widely **different periods** of history. The most **famous** poetry book being **“The Psalms of David.”**

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

Prophecy:-

17 books from Isaiah to Malachi.

Can be further divided into **5 and 12.**

5 MAJOR PROPHETS:- Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel.

12 MINOR PROPHETS:- Hosea, Joel, Amos,
Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk,
Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

These prophets did their work during the period covered by the books of history.

They are not in chronological order. The only order we have is that some are called:-

Major Prophets :- 4 plus Lamentations.
The others are called :- Minor Prophets 12.

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

The Major and Minor prophets are distinguished as such not just due to their length, (because **Zechariah** has more chapters than **Daniel**.)

But rather because **these books contain much more of the prophets own life,** than the other prophets who's books contain mainly the words spoken by the prophet.

Old Testament. 5/12/5/17

God has given different commandments and laws to men in different ages.

God gave certain commandments to Adam and Eve in the garden, which did not apply after they left the garden.

Gen 2:16-17;

God gave commandments to people who lived before the flood, communicating with them through the heads of families.

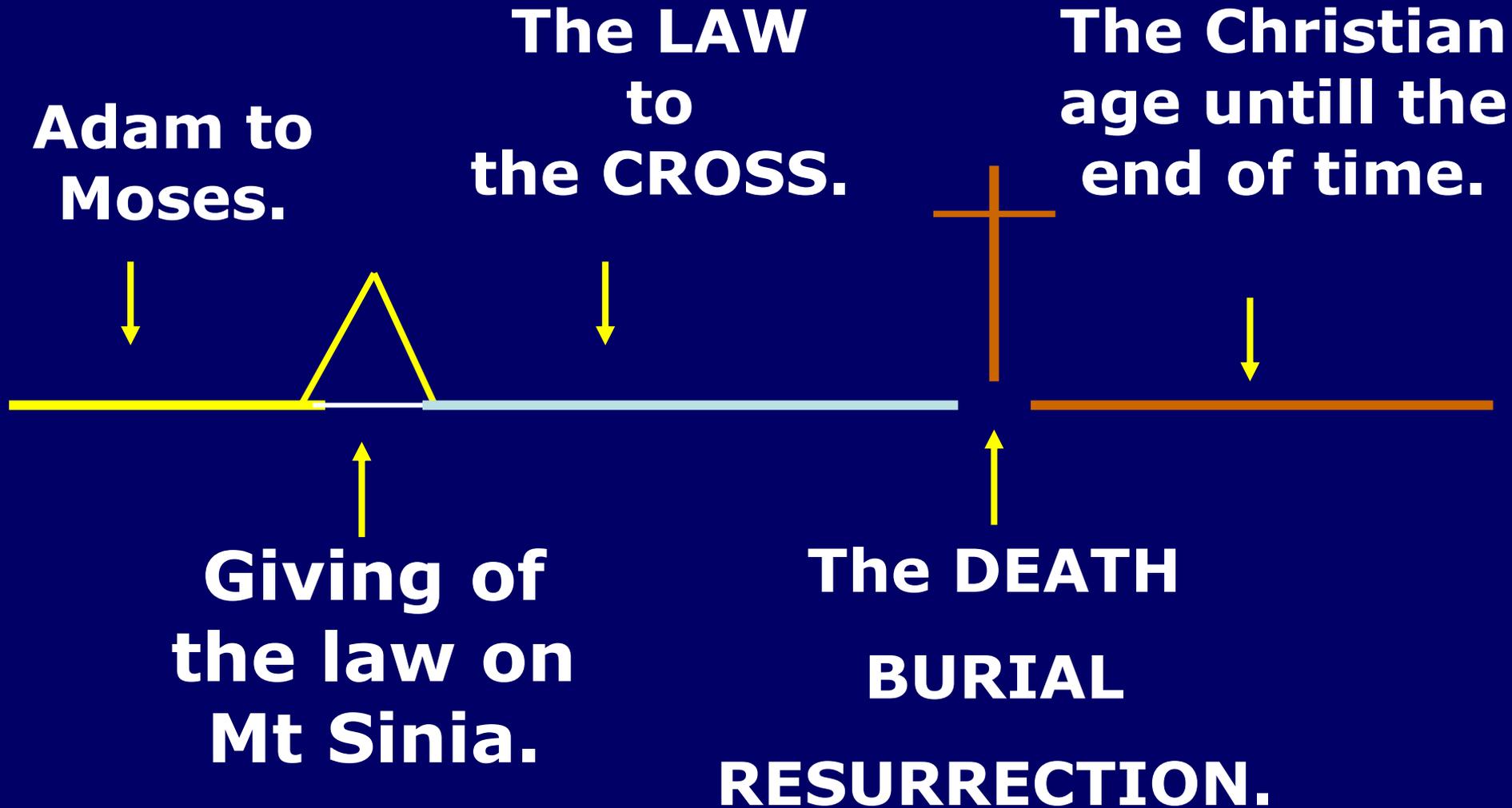
The **Old Testament** records in great detail the **law of Moses**.

Which was given **only** to the **Israelite nation**. Deuteronomy 5:1-3; Exodus 20:1-17;

We know little of the **laws God gave** to **other people** of that period **except** that they were **referred** to as **righteous** or **sinful** showing that God had a law for them. Rom 2:14-15;

God's unfailing love was shown throughout these ages **for all righteous people**.

Old Testament. / New Testament.



Old Testament. / New Testament.

	Patriarchal Age <i>No written Law</i>		Mosaic Age <i>Law of Moses</i>		Christian Age <i>Gospel of Christ</i>	
	Noah Abraham Jacob		David Isaiah John the Baptist		Apostles	
Adam		Moses		Christ		Second Coming
Eden		Sinai		Calvary		Judgment

New Testament. 4/1/21/1

Biographical books.

4 Gospels:- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

**These record some
of the Life of Jesus.**

**His birth, baptism, temptation,
transfiguration, death, burial,
resurrection, ascension,
His parables and teaching,
His works and miracles.**

New Testament. 4/1/21/1

Biographical books.

4 Gospels:- Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

**The first three Matthew Mark and Luke
are often referred to as
the synoptic gospels
for they are similar in content
and overlap a great deal.**

**John often differs in the events
he chooses to record
and the way he records them.**

New Testament. 4/1/21/1

4 Gospels:- **Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.**
Matthew written primarily to the **Jews.**
Mark written to the **Romans.**
Luke written to the **Greeks.**

John appears to be writing to those who already **have some belief.**
He **opposes** much **false teaching** that has already crept into the early church.

New Testament. 4/1/21/1

HISTORY.

The book of Acts of some Apostles.

**This book written by doctor Luke,
tells of the beginning of the Church
and it's first 30+ years.**

How it spread into all the world.

**It's two main characters are
Peter chap 1-12; and Paul chap 13-28;.
Preaching the gospel of the
RISEN CHRIST, King over His Kingdom.**

New Testament. 4/1/21/1

21 LETTERS:-

**Romans, 1/2 Corinthians, Galatians,
Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians.**

**1/2 Thessalonians, 1/2 Timothy, Titus,
Philemon, Hebrews, James,
1/2 Peter, 1/2/3 John, Jude.**

New Testament. 4/1/21/1
13 Letters were written by Paul.

3 written by John.

2 written by Peter.

1 written by Jude.

1 by written James.

The author of Hebrews is unknown.

All these Letters are written to Christians.

Some to churches / some to individuals.

They give instructions to Christians.

**Many were written to
combat specific problems
and meet special needs.**

New Testament. 4/1/21/1

PROPHECY:-

1 book.

This book written by John is largely in symbolic language with a clear message of hope for the Church.

It tells the struggling church that Christ will conquer and His people WILL be victorious at last.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

**The division between
Old Testament / New Testament
is an artificial one.**

**Based on the already written Old Testament
and New writings by the followers of Jesus.**

**In reality the Old Testament
does not end until after the death,
burial and resurrection of Jesus.**

**The New Testament begins
effectively at the 1st day of Pentecost in Acts 2.
when the GOSPEL is preached for the FIRST time.**

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

THIS IS MADE CLEARER BY

“For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.”

Hebrews 9:16; New King James.

**“Now, if someone dies and leaves a will,
(a list of things to be given away
to certain people when he dies,)**

**no one gets anything until it is proved
that the person who wrote the will is dead.”**

Hebrews 9:16; Living Bible.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

“For a TESTAMENT is in force AFTER men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.”

Hebrews 9:17; New King James.

“The WILL goes into effect ONLY AFTER THE DEATH of the person who wrote it.

While he is still alive no one can use it to get any of those things he has promised them.”

Hebrews 9:17; Living Bible.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

**Understanding the difference between
Old Testament and New Testament
– Covenant- Agreement – Will.**

**O.T. :- God's agreement with the Jews.
N.T.:- God's agreement
with the Christians.**

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

THIS IS WHY Acts 2 is important

O.T.:- God's agreement with the Jews.

LOOKED FORWARD

**to the sacrifice of Jesus
and His resurrection.**

**N.T.:- Gods agreement
with the Christians.**

LOOKS BACK UPON GOD'S GRACE

REVEALED TO ALL MANKIND IN

**the sacrifice of Jesus
and His resurrection.**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.
PETER – On PENTECOST –Acts 2;
is preaching for the FIRST TIME
about the RISEN CHRIST.**

**The sacrifice of Jesus and the resurrection
the POWER in the shed blood
to forgive our sins and save us
IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL MANKIND.**

**I. S. V. Hebrews 9:22; says “In fact, under
the law almost everything is cleansed with
blood, and without the shedding
of the blood there is no forgiveness.”**

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

Peter is preaching that the blood of the ultimate sacrifice is NOW available to cleanse us from our sins.

In Acts 2:37;

In effect the people are saying, what must we do to receive this cleansing blood, this forgiveness of our sins.

**WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND PETER'S
RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTION
WHAT MUST WE DO?**

THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTS 2.

**BECAUSE IF WHAT PETER
TOLD THEM TO DO
SAVED PEOPLE
FROM THEIR SINS THEN!**

**THE SAME RESPONSE BY US,
WILL SAVE US TODAY!**

By “Believing” and being “Born of God.”

Born of God. = Born again - of **water** and the **Spirit**.

(Jn.3:3-5;)

Born of the Spirit. = Begotten or **born** through the **Word**. (Jam.1:18; 1Pet.1:22-23;)

Born of Water:-

Water Baptism in His name.

(Acts 10:47;)

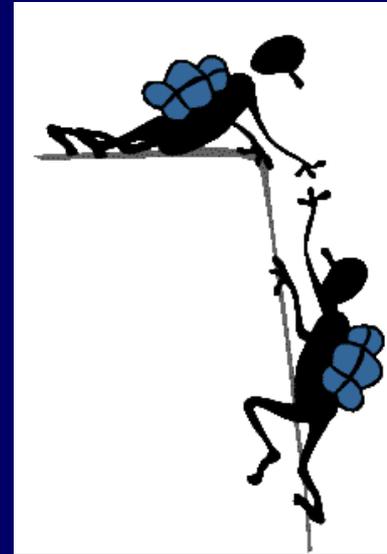
Born of the Spirit.:-

Born in response to **the Spirit’s teaching**.

1 Cor 12:13;

Newness of life. (Rom 6:4;):-

Made **sons** of God. (Gal 3:26-27;)

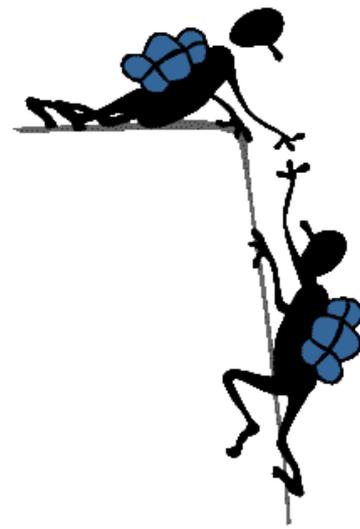


God, by grace, provided
what man could not provide for himself.

God by grace, **provided a Saviour** as
a **REMEDY** for sin. (John 3:16;).

The **Saviour died** and **sent the Holy Spirit**.
(John 16:7-13; Acts 1:8;)

The Holy Spirit revealed the gospel.
(1 Cor 2:9-13;).



The Gospel message touches the heart of man, convicting him of sin. (Jam.1:21;)

BELIEF changes man's heart to **REPENT, CONFESS,** and be **BAPTIZED.**

The blood of God's Son washes away our sins. (Acts 22:16; Rev 1:5;)

The Saviour adds us to His body the church.
(Acts 2:47;).

How Are We Saved? The Bible Says:-

Provision has been made:-

Blood of Christ. - Col.1:20; 1Pet 1:18ff

Shed for all. - Heb.2:9; Rom 6:10;

Message given. - Titus 2:11-14; 1Pet 1:22;ff

Response Necessary by Us:-

Hear the gospel. - John 6:44-45; Mk 16:15;

Believe the gospel. - Mk.16:16; John 3:16;

Repent of our sins. – Lk 13:3; Acts 2:38;

Confess our faith. – Rom 10:10;

Be baptized. - Acts 22:16; Rom 6:3-7;

Remain faithful unto death. – Rev 2:10;

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;”

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Corinthians 15:3-4

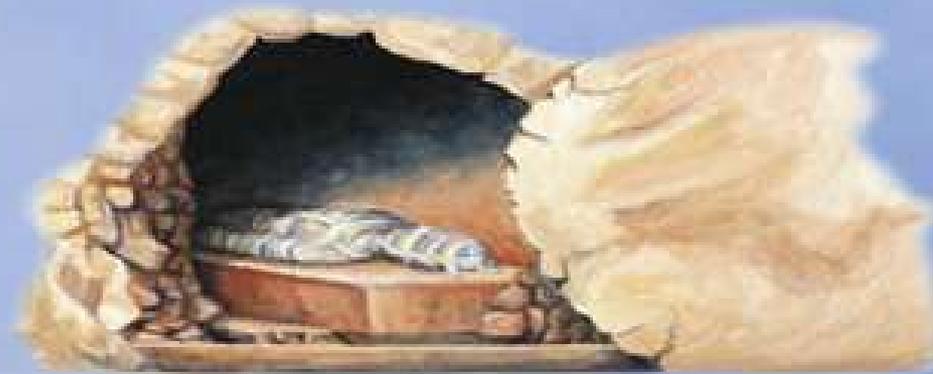
Jesus the Christ
th, Burial and Resurrection
For the Sins of Man

“and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”



Death

“And that he was buried.”



Burial



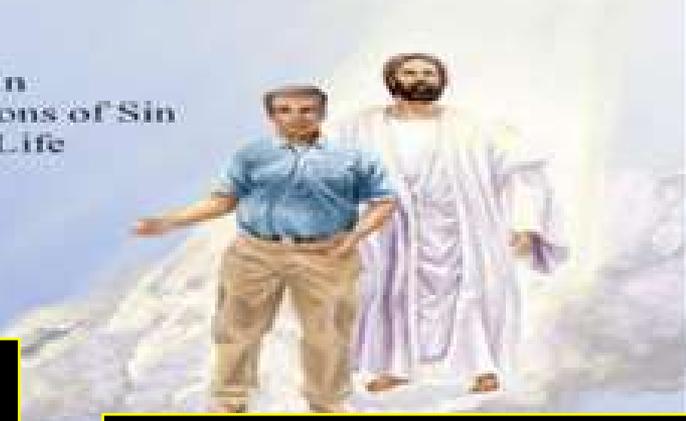
Resurrection

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?”

“that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father;”

Gospel
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Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
We Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
We are Buried in Water for the Remissions of Sin
We are Raised to Walk in a New Life

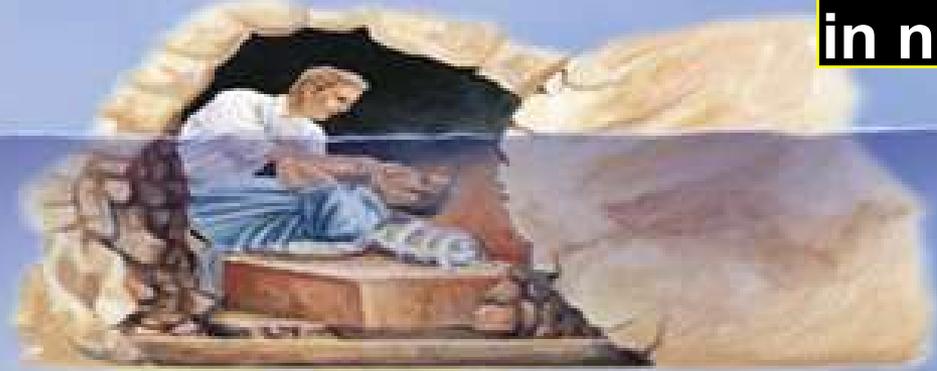


“Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death.”

“even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Dead to Sin

Resurrected to a New Life



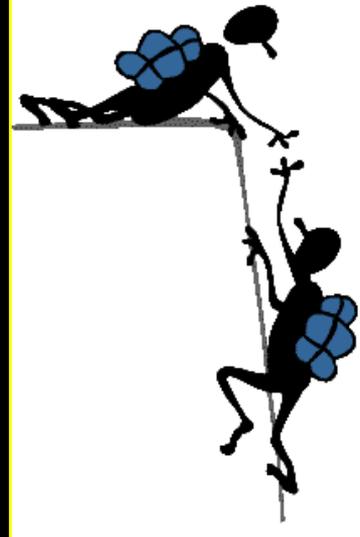
Buried in Water



Conclusion:-Provision had been made.

**Everyone who hears the gospel
has the opportunity to respond
to God's loving and saving grace!**

**God did His Part.
Jesus did His part.
The Holy Spirit did His part.
Have we done ours?
Why not answer the grace of God
by faithfully obeying
the gospel today?**



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