

PETER'S DECLARATION

Acts 2

Peter's declaration freed souls from sin

I. HE ANSWERED THE CONFUSED (1-20)

A. THE SITUATION (1-13)

- God orchestrated an event that drew attention

1. The Record: Believers spoke in tongues (4)
2. The Reception: Everyone heard the believers in their native tongues (6)
3. The Reactions: Confusion (7, 12) and mockery (13)

B. THE EXPLANATION (14-20)

1. This is important (14)
2. This isn't drunkenness (15)
3. This fulfills prophecy (16-20) > See Joel 2:28-32

II. HE GAVE THEM THE GOSPEL (21-36)

A. SHARING THE PROMISE (21)

1. Salvation is available for any who call on the Lord
2. This was true in Joel's day (Joel 2:32) and Paul's day as well (Romans 10:13)

B. SHOWING THEM JESUS (22-36)

1. The Powerful One (22)
 - a. Attested by God > Approved and sent by Him to speak on His behalf
 - b. Known by you > Here's what you know
2. The Crucified One (23)
 - a. Delivered over by God - See Is. 53:10 "... it pleased the Lord to bruise Him ..."
 - b. Killed by you > You rejected, condemned and crucified Him > guilty of deicide!
3. The Risen One (24-31)
 - a. Raised by God (24a) > Reversing their condemnation with conquest over the grave
 - b. Predicted by David (25-31) > See Psalm 16:8-11
 - c. Witnessed by the apostles! (32)

4. The Exalted One (33-35)
 - a. His position: At God's right hand (33a, 34-35)
 - As Psalm 110:1 says it would be
 - b. His reception: The promised Spirit was received by Christ (directed by Him)
 - c. His action: Pouring out the Spirit on believers
5. The Promised One (36)
 - a. This truth: Important for all to know for certain!
 - b. His titles: Made both Lord and Christ by God the Father
 - 1) Lord: The highly honored One
 - 2) Christ: The anointed and promised One > Messiah!
 - c. The twist: You crucified this Jesus who is the Lord Messiah

III. **HE PROVIDED HOPE** (37-40)

A. THEIR DESPAIR (37)

1. Conviction: Pierced to the heart > See Hebrews 4:12
2. Question: What shall we do?

B. HIS DIRECTIONS (38-39)

1. Repent of sin: Change your mind about Jesus and killing Him
2. Be baptized: Change your association
3. Be aware: You will receive the Spirit
4. Be thrilled: Any whom God calls can receive this salvation! (39)

C. HIS DETERMINATION (40)

- Peter kept on exhorting and warning

CONCLUSION:

What is your most important declaration?

Nothing else matters if we do not declare God's glorious salvation to all who will listen

“Let this be known to you, and give heed to my words” - Acts 2:14b