

“What shall we do?”
Acts 2:37-40

I. You must have an inward change (v. 38a).

A. A person must turn from sin and turn to God.

B. Repentance is a work that is accomplished by God.

(Romans 6:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 3:4-10)

II. You must make an outward profession (v. 38b).

A. A true disciple makes a public statement that he or she is following Christ.

B. Baptism is not a work that brings salvation.

(Acts 10:44-48; 1 Corinthians 1:14-17; Galatians 2:16)

III. You must receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 38c).

A. The Holy Spirit is the One who brings spiritual life.

B. The Holy Spirit is the One who sanctifies the redeemed.

(John 3:3; Ephesians 1:13-14; Titus 3:4-7; Hebrews 12:14)

Scripture References and Notes

Repent (μετανοέω [metanoéō])

- to change one's mind or purpose
- I repent, change my mind, change the inner man (particularly with reference to acceptance of the will of God), repent.
- (from *metá*, "changed after being with" and *noiéō*, "think") – properly, "think differently after," "after a change of *mind*"; to *repent* (literally, "think differently afterwards").

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Romans 6:1-2

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1 John 3:4-10

⁴Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. ⁷Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; ⁸the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷"Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

1 Corinthians 1:14-17

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. ¹⁶Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

Galatians 2:16

...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

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