

## **Acts 2:38 and Our Salvation**

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One of the significant passages in the New Testament relating to our salvation is Acts 2:38. This passage contains the answer to the question, “What must I do to be saved?” Isn’t this the most important question anyone could ask? Would you accept an apostolic reply?

Peter has been preparing the hearts of his listeners. He has preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them and convicted them of the sin of crucifying the Son of God. Many of his hearers were touched in their hearts and brought to the point of humility. They wanted to know how they could be saved from their sins.

They asked, “men and brethren what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37). This is a searching question. If they already knew, they wouldn’t have asked. This is a sincere question. They are speaking from the heart. This is a saving question. They want to know how to be saved.

Peter, an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, answered their question. He said, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). Peter gives two commands: repent and be baptized. He states two promises: remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost. The commands must be obeyed before the promises can be claimed. Repentance is a change of heart that affects a change of life. It is a turning away from sin to God. Baptism is an immersion in water in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16).

The response to Peter’s requirements was immediate. “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

The question asked by the people on the day of Pentecost nearly 2000 years ago hasn’t changed. People are still asking what they must do to be saved. The Scriptural answer to it hasn’t changed either!