

The First Sermon (Part III): Imperatives of Salvation Acts 02:37–40

<p>1 <i>The people were convicted and cried out, “What shall we do?”</i></p>	<p>37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”</p>
<p>2 <i>The imperative: Repent and be baptized</i></p>	<p>38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.</p>
<p>3 <i>The results: Forgiveness and receiving of the Holy Spirit</i></p>	<p>39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.”</p>
<p>4 <i>The assurance to all: God’s promise and God’s personal call</i></p>	<p>40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”</p>

The First Church: Worthy Traits

Acts 02:41–47

<p>1 <i>A people who received the Word – gladly</i></p> <p>a. Result 1: Were baptized</p> <p>b. Result 2: A large church</p>	<p>41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.</p>
<p>2 <i>A people who were devoted</i></p> <p>a. In doctrine and fellowship</p> <p>b. In the Lord’s supper and prayer</p>	<p>42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.</p>
<p>3 <i>A people who stirred everyone with a godly fear</i></p>	<p>43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.</p>
<p>4 <i>A people who were together – sharing in ministry</i></p>	<p>44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.</p>
<p>5 <i>A people who were unified</i></p>	<p>45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.</p>
<p>6 <i>A people who worshipped and praised God daily</i></p> <p>a. In the temple</p> <p>b. In their homes</p> <p>c. With joy and united hearts</p> <p>d. Praising God</p> <p>e. Results</p> <p>1) Favour with people</p> <p>2) Souls were added to the church</p>	<p>46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,</p> <p>47 Praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.</p>