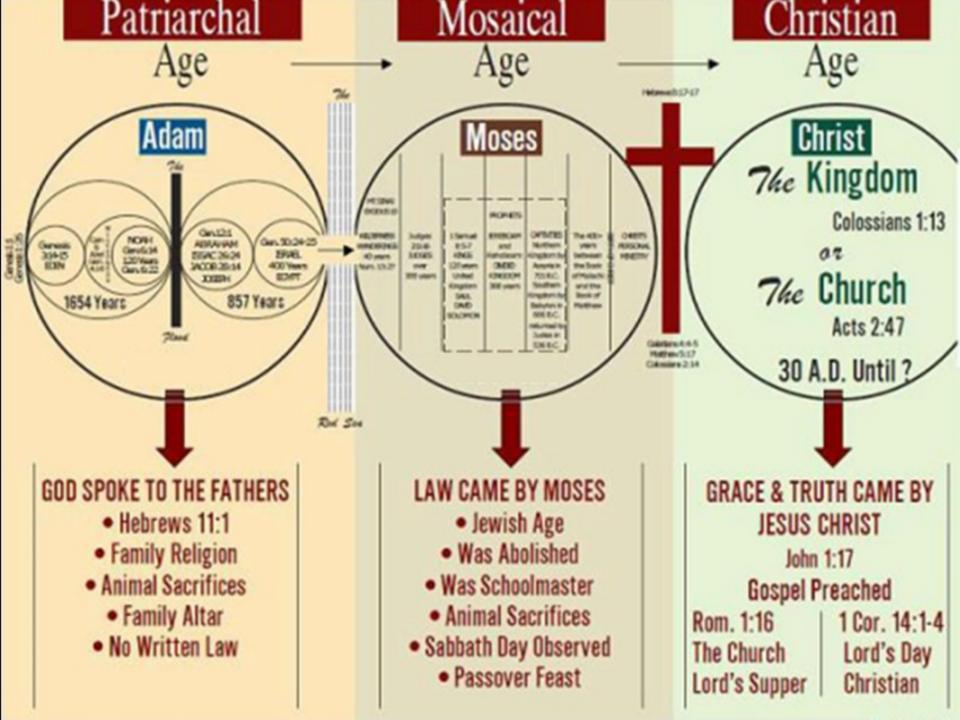
Visualized Bible Study Part 4-a God's Plan for Redeeming Man.

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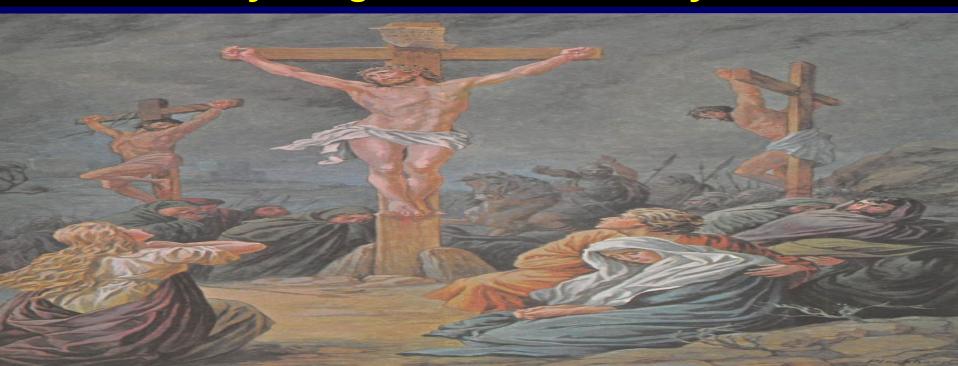
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God's Plan For Redeeming Man
We can only be saved by responding
to God's GRACE demonstrated in
the Death burial and resurrection of Jesus

God's plan is centred on His Son dying on the CROSS for each one of us Jesus blood is the only thing that can take away our sins.



PURPOSE OF THIS LESSON To set forth God's plan of redemption through the precious blood of Jesus. To show where a person must come in contact with the blood before they can be saved. To assure a person that they can know where they stand with God.

SYNOPSIS

Every person on earth Is hopelessly lost because of our sin Rom 3:23; until they are delivered from the bonds of sin.

God sent His Son into the world to deliver the sinner from eternal punishment.

God's love and concern for mankind is shown through the various miracles of Jesus.

SYNOPSIS

Jesus announced the plan of redemption to His disciples who in their ministry gave us examples of Bible conversion.

A person must meet the conditions of salvation by responding through faithful obedience in Jesus before they can be redeemed. Rom 1:4-5; 16:26;

LET US REVIEW

what we have already studied. We recall the PATRIARCHAL AGE, the first period of Bible history.

CREATION
GARDEN of EDEN
SACRIFICE FOR SIN
WICKEDNESS
THE FLOOD

ABRAHAM & ISAAC

JACOB & JOSEPH JOSEPH IN EGYPT Beginning with Adam and the Creation, this age continued to the time when Moses led God's people through the Red Sea and into the wilderness where The Law was given.

PATRIARCHAL AGE, included things like:-

CREATION GARDEN of EDEN SACRIFICE FOR SIN **WICKEDNESS** THE FLOOD **ABRAHAM & ISAAC JACOB & JOSEPH JOSEPH IN EGYPT MOSES BIRTH MOSES FREES ISRAEL**

THEN WE LOOKED AT the MOSAIC AGE, the second period of Bible history.

This age lasted from the giving of the Law of Moses on Mount Sinai until Christ died on the cross and was resurrected.

The Mosaic age:-

Wilderness Mount Sinai
Tabernacle Canaan
Judges Kings
Divided Kingdom
Judah Israel
Prophets
Jesus Birth
Jesus Ministry

"THE CHRISTIAN AGE" bears the name of Jesus The Christ, who is its central theme.

Kingdom Established 4 Things Necessary **Blessings Within** the Family of God **Gods Pattern for His People** Unity **Organization** Rule of Faith Worship **Membership Mission**

This age began just after Jesus' death and resurrection and will last until He comes again, then time shall be no more.

This brings the opportunity of salvation to all who are willing to respond to God's GRACE.

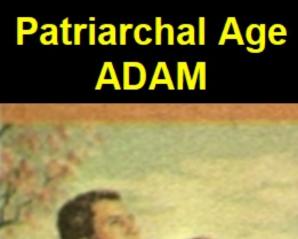
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CHRISTIAN AGE FROM ACTS 2 until CHRIST'S RETURN.

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Mosaic Age MOSES Christian Age CHRIST



The first is the Patriarchal age; the second is the Mosaic Age; and the last the Christian Age.

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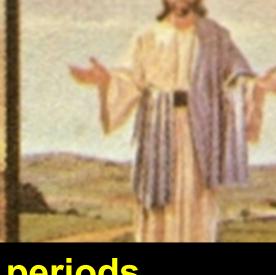
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Remembering these three periods will help us to see the big picture.

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Gospel came by Christ Rom 1:16; Patriarchal Age ADAM

Mosaic Age MOSES

Christian Age CHRIST

Notice at the bottom of the charts that God spoke In the first period of time to the fathers of the households such as Adam.

In the second period God gave His law through Moses

In the third period in which we now live the gospel came by Jesus Christ.

God Spoke to the Fathers Heb 1:1-3;

Law Came by Moses John 1:17; Gospel came by Christ Rom 1:16;

Once a person sees the overall picture of the Bible, they are able to understand, appreciate and study it more intelligently.

Remember The BIBLE is a LIBRARY of 66 Books. Law of Moses (5) **Books of History (12)** Poetry (5) OLD TESTAMENT Psalms GHEMIRH ESTHER EZRA Major Prophets (5) Minor Prophets (12) JEREMIAH LAMENTATION EZEKIEL ISAIAH DANIEL History (1) Paul's Letters (13) Biography (4) NEW TESTAMENT CORINTHIANS CORINTHIANS GALATIANS EPHESIANS PHILIPPIANS 2 THESSALONIA COLOSSIANS I TIMOTHY 2 TIMOTHY PHILEMON TITUS Other Letters (8) Prophecy (1) Hebrews Peter Peter ames Jude) REVELATION

God's Plan For Redeeming Man

A PRAYERFUL STUDY OF THE BIBLE
impresses all of us with our dire need for
salvation through Jesus' blood and our deep
craving to draw closer to God-

This lesson is designed to help each student see how God, in His grace and mercy, has provided the way for satisfying these needs.

Everyone has a need of salvation by God's Grace, made available to man through Jesus' blood.

MANY CONFLICTING ANSWERS have been given by men to the question. "What must I do to be saved?"

The one and only sure answer to this question is revealed by Jesus in the New Testament.

Jesus has said.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

John 14:6;

Man can only have true access to God Through Jesus blood.

PART FOUR. God's Plan For Redeeming Man.

That man might pass from the sentence of spiritual death to eternal life.

God has provided and revealed His plan to redeem man from sin through the sacrifice of Jesus.

Without this Sacrifice the whole world would be lost without hope.

Since the Supreme Sacrifice has been made, everyone who remains lost can blame only themselves.

Acts 4:11; Hebrews 2:3;

ONCE JESUS TOLD THE STORY

of the good shepherd who was so concerned over one lost sheep that he left 99 sheep to find one that was lost.



When the shepherd brought back the lost sheep it was an occasion of great happiness for him and his friends.

The Bible teaches that "all we, like sheep have gone astray." Isaiah 53:6;

A person becomes lost from God through the guilt of his OWN sins.

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, is concerned when one of His sheep strays into sin and is lost. He cares about our spiritual welfare. He was so concerned that He laid down His life.

Just before He went back to heaven, Jesus instructed His followers to carry the message of salvation to others.





Christians ought to be constantly leading others to Christ, like the Good Shepherd. When the person who is lost is returned to the fold, even the angels in heaven rejoice.

Jesus said. "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents"
Luke 15:7; John 10:11-15; Acts 1:8;

ON ANOTHER OCCASION Jesus showed His concern for the lost by using little children to illustrate how man can be redeemed from sin.



Jesus said, "I assure you, unless you turn from your sins and become as little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Matthew 18:3;

In this statement Jesus implies that at the point when a man is redeemed he becomes pure and free from guilt like a little child.

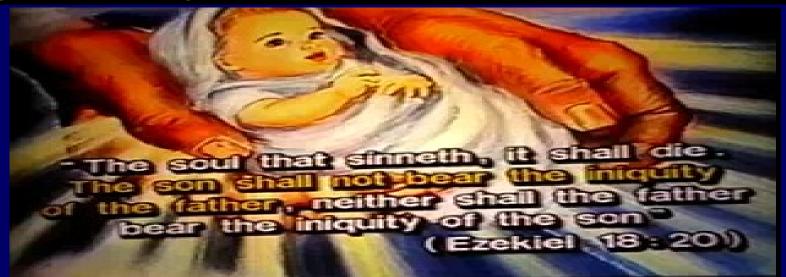
This also shows that only those who are old enough to know and distinguish between right and wrong are in need of redemption.

Infants are safe for they have never sinned. Therefore, it was unnecessary for God to provide a plan of redemption for infants. Isaiah 7:15-16; Ezekiel 18:1-29;

- "15. By the time this child is old enough to eat curds and honey, he will know enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong.
 - 16. But before he knows right from wrong, the two kings you fear so much, the kings of Israel and Aram, will both be dead."

GOD HAS SAID. "The one who sins is the one who dies. The child will not be punished for the parent's sins, and the parent will not be punished for the child's sins. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own goodness, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness." Ezekiel 18:20;

Since infants cannot inherit the sins of their own fathers, they certainly cannot inherit the sin of Adam.



The guilt of sin cannot be inherited but is incurred only when one chooses to do wrong rather than right.

Infants have no power of choice and therefore, cannot be guilty of sin. A person can be guilty of sin only when he is old enough to choose between right and wrong.

MANY PEOPLE SPEND their lives chained to sin. Having chosen to do wrong rather than right, they feel the guilt of their sins, but they have never learned how this guilt can be removed.



A rational, mature person will surely realize that none of his earthly friends could ever bear the guilt of his sins for him.

It is unthinkable that any man could ever merit his own salvation.

Upon proper reflection every responsible person realizes that only a divine act of God's mercy could pay for his sins.

To be freed from sin, we must learn of the only escape through Jesus Christ. The Saviour said. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:32;

Roman 3.23; Romans 7:24-25; Titus 3:5;

No one could ever earn their own SALVATION.

THANKS BE TO GOD

that He has sent His only Son into the world to pay the price and redeem us from our sins.



Some accept God's precious gift with open arms; others doubt; still others reject Him and forfeit their only hope of eternal life.

John 3:16; Acts 13:42-49;

so that all Men could know and accept Him as the divine Son of God and only Saviour, Jesus performed many wonders while on earth.



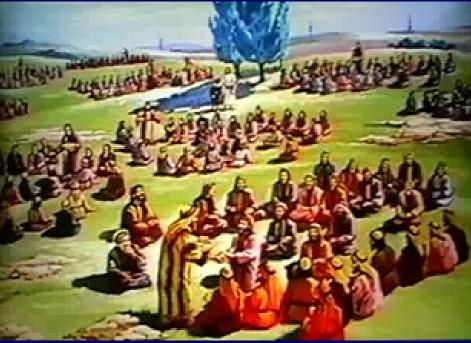
The first of these miracles occurred at a wedding feast where the Lord Miraculously turned water into the best wine.



This demonstrated His powers over the processes of nature.

LATER, THE COMPASSIONATE SAVIOUR fed over 5,000 people with five small barley loaves and two fish.





Only the Son of God could have multiplied this small amount of food into such a giant feast.

Mark 6:17-4;

JESUS SHOWED HIS MASTERY

over the physical law of gravity by walking on the surface of the sea to join His disciples in their boat. Mathew 14 24-27;



WHEN JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES were caught in a raging storm, the disciples feared for their lives. But Jesus arose and calmed the wind, and said to the sea. "Peace, be still."



In response to this command of the Son of God. The sea suddenly became very quiet and still. **Even the wind and the seas** obeyed His voice! Mark 4:37-41;

THE MIRACLES that most endeared

Jesus to His followers

were those which showed

His power over sickness and disease.



These miracles confirmed
His compassion for the suffering.
Matt 4:23-25; Matt 8:16-17;

ON MANY OCCASIONS

Jesus gave sight to the hopelessly blind.
He showed no hesitation in healing
even a man who had been blind from birth.

Matt 11:4-5; John 9:1-7;



HE ALSO HEALED THE SICK, the maimed, the deaf, the dumb and the insane.

One man had been paralyzed completely for 38 years but Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

The man arose immediately, perfectly healed. Although Jesus healed many physical bodies. He is interested most of all In our souls.

John 5:5-15; John 9:1-7;



JESUS' AUTHORITY reached even beyond the grave into the spirit world. Many people saw His power to call the dead back to life.



On one occasion He restored physical life to a man named Lazarus who had been dead and buried four days.

In these miracles He demonstrated His power to conquer death itself.

Christ's victory over death assures us of hope for our own resurrection and eternal life with God.

John 11:1-45; 2 Pet 1:3-4;

THE GREATEST PROOF OF JESUS' DEITY was yet to come.

Near the end of His ministry He foretold His own death and His ultimate victory over the power of death through His resurrection.



He said. "... the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes ... and they shall mock him . . . and shall kill him. and the third day he shall rise again." Mark 10:33-34;

The disciples were grieved.

SOON JUDAS ISCARIOT, one of Jesus' own disciples, betrayed Him into the hands of His enemies by identifying Him with a kiss.

Judas had turned traitor for a mere 30 pieces of silver from the Jewish leaders. Carrying torches to make their way through the night, the soldiers came fully armed to arrest Jesus. Matthew 26:47-50; John 18:2-3;



SINCE JESUS HAD SPOKEN earlier of HIS KINGDOM, the soldiers ridiculed Him by dressing Him in a scarlet robe with a reed for a sceptre and thorns for a crown.



In mock humility they bowed before Him and sneered, "Hail. King of the Jews!"

Matthew 27:29;

All the rest of the night

Jesus was dragged before illegal assemblies
where He was unjustly accused.

Mark 14:53-15:15;

THE NEXT MORNING THE LORD was finally taken before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor.



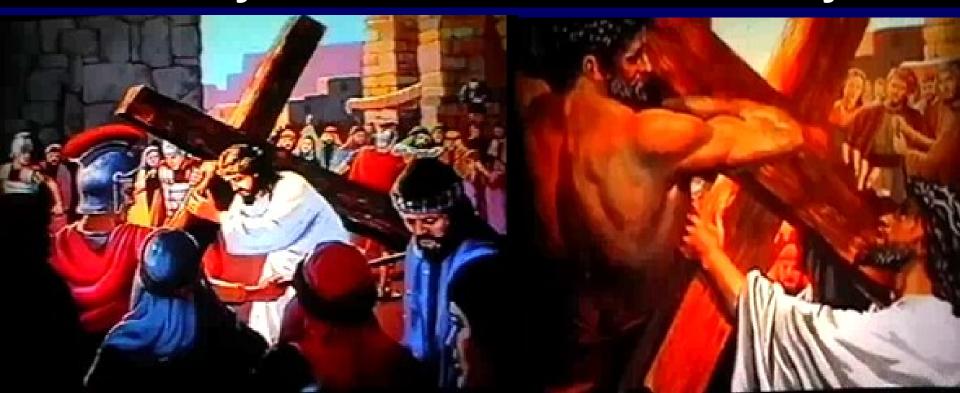
Pilate soon became firmly convinced that Jesus was innocent.

When he tried to persuade the Jewish mob of Jesus' innocence, they shouted him down clamouring, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

Not having the moral courage to stand against the Jews, Pilate gave orders for Christ to be crucified. Matthew 27:15-30;

AS THE EXECUTION PARTY BEGAN its procession to a place outside the city called Calvary.

Jesus carried His own cross at first.
Soon Simon of Cyrene was forced to carry the cross the rest of the way.



UPON REACHING CALVARY the execution party began the traditional crucifixion ritual by laying Jesus on the cross.



The executioner drove nails through His outstretched hands. There was the sound of spikes through the flesh-into wood. There was the flinching of muscles, the sharp pain.

Then the cross was raised and dropped into position. The body of God's Son sagged and strained against the nails.

Jesus knew that only through
His suffering and death could He free man
from Satan and the guilt of sin.

Man can approach God only through Jesus

Therefore because of His deep love for all men,

Jesus patiently endured the terrible sufferings of the crucifixion that He might be our saviour.

Hebrews 10:4-7; 12:1-2;

AS WE PICTURE THE DIVINE SON OF GOD nailed to the cross, the horrible consequences of sin shock & overwhelm us!



Fallen man could never atone for his own sins.

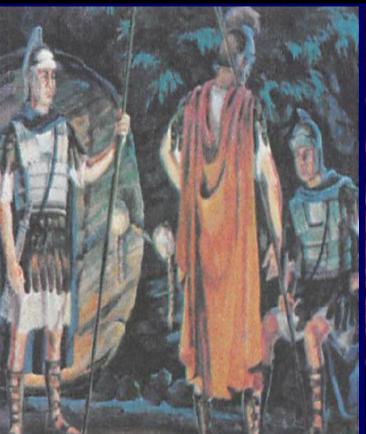
All the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament pointed forward to this One Perfect Sacrifice.

Only the pure and sinless Son of God could pay the debt of sin for all mankind from the time of Adam to the end of the ages. Ephesians 2:8, 12; Hebrews 10:1-9;

JESUS THE CHRIST was now dead. His body was placed in the tomb of a friend.

Because Jesus had foretold His resurrection, the Jews had the tomb sealed with the Roman seal to prevent its being opened.





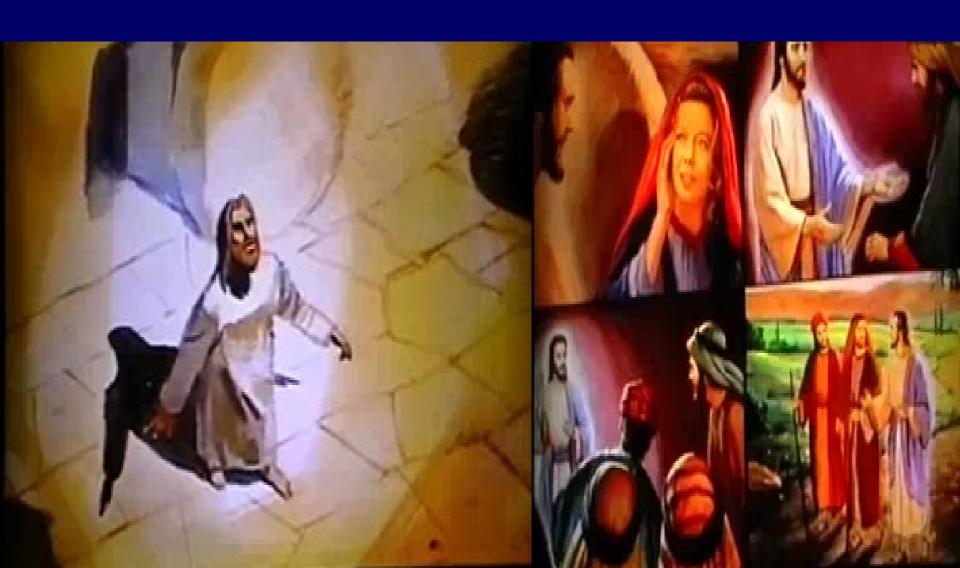


Also, soldiers were placed on guard around the tomb.

While Jesus was dead and buried, it seemed as if Satan had overpowered Him and made His sacrifice meaningless.

Matthew 27:62-28:6; 1 Corinthians 15;

HOWEVER THE GREATEST EVENT of all history took place just three days later when Jesus was raised from the dead.



The resurrection of Jesus fulfilled His prediction that He would rise.

He broke the power of death, and proved forever that He is the divine Son of God and Saviour of the world.

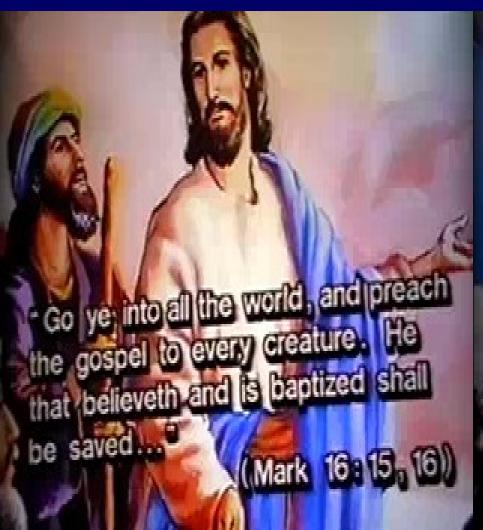
In numerous appearances, for a period of 40 days,

Jesus demonstrated to His disciples

Beyond any doubt
that He was raised from the dead.

Luke 24:7-24; Romans 1:4; Acts 1 and 2.

HAVING BEEN PROVED to be the Son of God with power by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus commissioned His followers to go and tell the whole world of God's plan for redeeming man.





Jesus came and told his disciples,
"I have been given complete authority
in heaven and on earth.
go and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. and be sure of this:

I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:15-16;)

TEN DAYS AFTER JESUS ASCENDED to the Father, the apostles began to carry out the mission which Jesus had given them.



During the Jewish Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and had their first opportunity to tell of God's plan for redeeming man.

Standing before a large audience,
Peter showed by Old Testament prophecies
that Jesus was the promised Saviour.
His death, resurrection and exaltation
were all part of God's great plan.

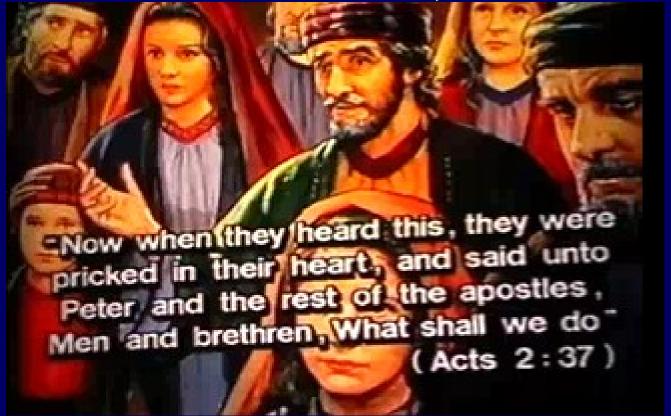
Peter then challenged the large audience with the following words:- Acts 2.

"THEREFORE LET ALL THE HOUSE of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36;)

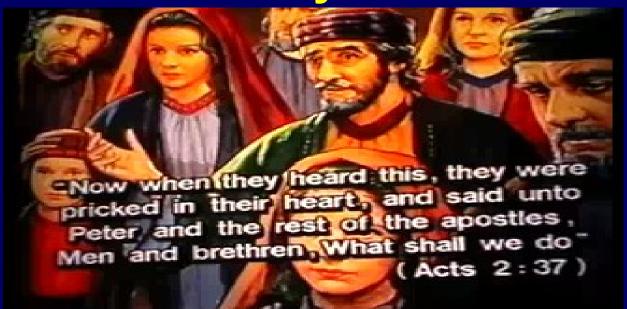


"NOW WHEN THEY HEARD THIS, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, What shall we do."

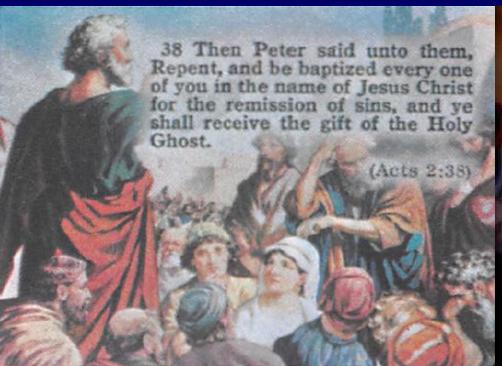
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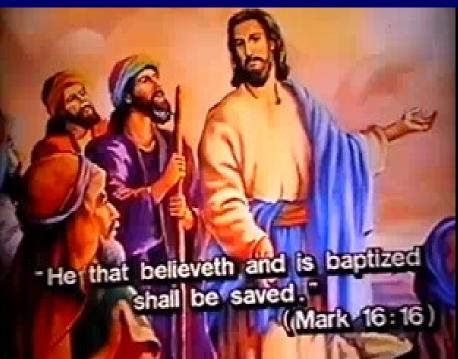


At this point these people listening believed so firmly that the One whom they had crucified was actually the Christ that they interrupted Peter's sermon to ask what they must do.



"You must repent," Peter answered,
"and every one of you must be baptised
into the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins, and
you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2:37;





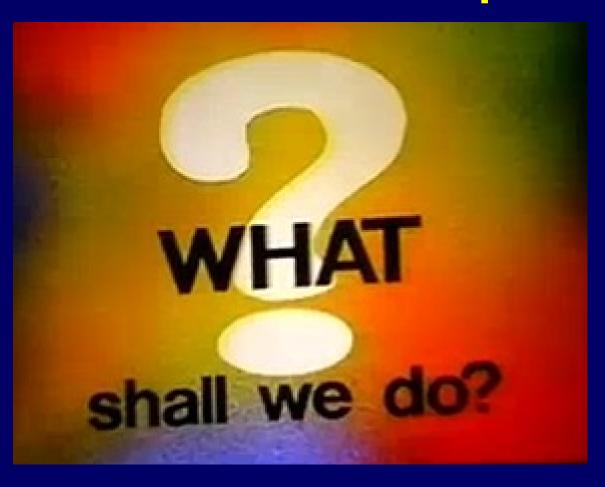
We are not surprised at Peter's answer, for Jesus had commissioned the apostles to preach:-

"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved."

About three thousand Jews were baptized that day and they received the Holy Spirit to indwell their lives.



"WHAT SHALL WE DO?" the Jews had asked. Of all the questions anyone may ask, this one is the most important.



Since Jesus paid the price on the cross for the remission of our sins, is there really anything left for us to do?

This question, "What shall we do?" is asked and answered several times in the New Testament.

All the answers show consistently that man must be active, not passive, in receiving God's saving grace.

THIS SAME QUESTION "What shall I do?" eventually was asked by Saul of Tarsus.



Before his conversion, Saul was in the Jewish religion in which his parents had reared him.

Saul, like all others who are truly converted to Christ, eventually found it necessary to change his religious beliefs which were opposed to and conflicted with God's will.

Before becoming a Christian,
Paul was a very devout Jew and his zeal
made him a leader in the Jewish religion
and a persecutor of Christians.
Galatians 1:13-14;

FEARFUL OF SAUL AND THE JEWS, the Christians were forced to meet in secret to worship God.



Christians knew their lives were in danger every time they came together, but love and loyalty to their Saviour gave them courage.

Saul sincerely believed he was pleasing God by capturing these Christians for imprisonment and death.

Acts 26:8-11;

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING of his career as a persecutor, Saul "breathed threatening and slaughter, against THE CHURCH."

(Acts 8)

When a bloodthirsty gang of angry Jews stoned Stephen, the first Christian to die for the faith, Saul was their ringleader.





Saul held the coats of those who led the howling mob in throwing stones which bruised and crushed
Stephen's defenceless body until he died.
Acts 7:57-8:4;





BUT SAUL WAS SOON TO RECKON with the Christ whose followers he was persecuting.

It happened while Saul was leading a band of men on a 150 mile journey to Damascus in order to track down and imprison more Christians.

Suddenly a brilliant light blazed from heaven and blinded Saul. When he fell to the ground, he heard a voice,

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The voice answered, "I am Jesus of Nazareth whom you are persecuting."





Then Saul asked the very same question that was asked by those on Pentecost:-

"So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"
New King James Acts 9:6;

Jesus answered, "Arise and go into the city and it shall be told you what you must do." (Acts 9:6;)



SAUL WAS LED into the city of Damascus where he remained blind and neither ate nor drank for three days.



Though Saul now obviously believed that Jesus was really who he had claimed to be:- the Son of God.

Saul had not yet been told what he must do as Jesus had promised earlier on the Damascus road.

Saul's sins had not yet been washed away by the blood of Jesus.

Acts 22:11-16;

FINALLY WHILE SAUL WAS PRAYING
the Lord sent a disciple named Ananias
to lay his hands on Saul
so that he might regain his sight.



Saul then knew that Ananias had been sent by Christ and so Saul was now ready to hear Christ's answer to his question, "What must I do?"

Ananias gave him the Lord's answer,
"why are you waiting:
 arise and be baptized
 and wash away your sins..."
 (Acts 22:16).

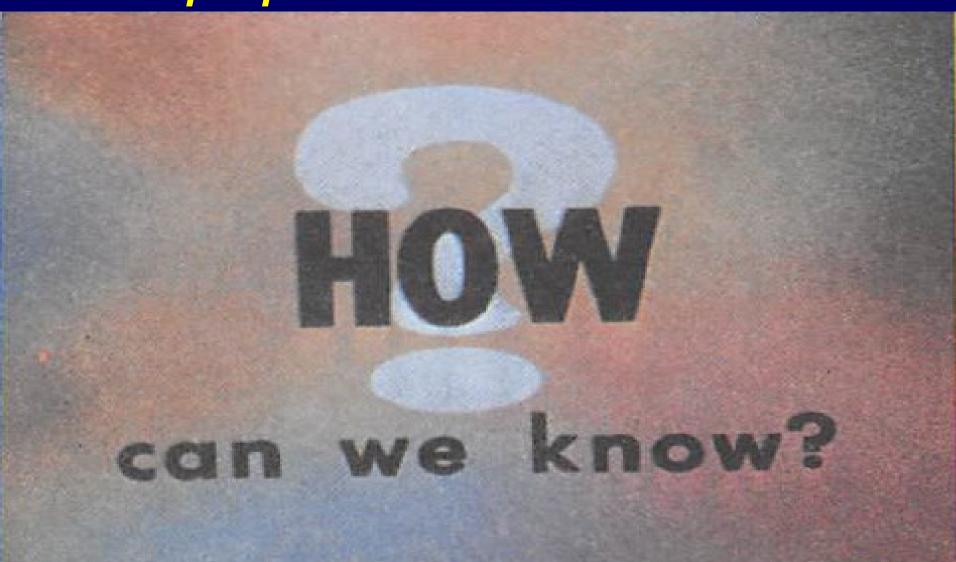


This was another way of saying what Jesus had told the apostles earlier, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved."

This was also in keeping with the answer Peter gave on Pentecost when he said, "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."



HOW CAN WE KNOW that we can be cleansed of our sin just as Saul of Tarsus and the people on Pentecost were cleansed?



The Bible teaches that
God is no respecter of persons.
The faith and obedience
which He required of Saul in his conversion
is required of all men.

A person may know he is forgiven of sin when he accepts God's grace by faith and obedience to His will.

Other Bible examples of conversions prove this to be true.

Acts 70:34;

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