



————— ∞ *Week Six* ∞ —————

**Original Message Date:** May 31, 2020

**Message Title:** The Promise

**This weeks primary Biblical text:** Acts 2:36-41

**Supporting scriptures:** Luke 24:45-47, 2 Corinthians 12:12, Hebrews 6:1-3, Romans 6:13-14, Colossians 2:13-14, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 1:27, Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:9, Galatians 5:22ff

**This weeks memory challenge:** Acts 2:38 *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.*

**Reading for next week:** Acts 2:42-47

————— ∞ *Reflection and Discussion Notes* ∞ —————

What are the three essential components of the Gospel Peter gives in his response to the crowd?

Pastor Ethan summarized these three as follows:

- TURN to God
- Be set FREE by God
- Receive the LIFE of God

What is the fundamental meaning and concept of the word “Repent?”

What is a common misunderstanding (or limited understanding) of repentance? Why is this important?

How is repentance more than just a one-time event?

Why is it important to understand that God’s forgiveness is a completed act?

Why is it important that God's gifts of forgiveness and the Holy Spirit are not contingent on the physical act of Baptism? (We will talk about baptism in depth at a later time).

When Peter proclaimed "you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," what did he mean? How is receiving the Holy Spirit absolutely central to the gospel message?

Read the following passages of scripture, and write, in your own words, what is true of you In Christ because you have been forgiven and received the Holy Spirit?

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Colossians 1:27
- Galatians 2:20
- Romans 8:9
- Galatians 5:22ff

What is the significance of Peter's words that God's promise is "for all whom the Lord our God will call?"

Who are the 'corrupt generation' Peter mentions in verse 40? What makes this generation 'corrupt'?

Read John 14:12. How are the events of this day of Pentecost a fulfillment of Jesus' words? How is Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, continuing the truth of John 14:12 to this day?

*What's your biggest takeaway from today's message?*

*What's your biggest question from today's message?*