

Sermon Notes
October 19, 2025
The Church Math
Acts 2:38-47

“And Peter said to them, “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. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

What is $1+1=2$; $2 \times 2=4$; $4 \times 4=16$; $16 \times 16 =256$

The Static Church vs. Transformational Church.

Vs. 38. Peter stood before the crowd and declared, _____ !

Thayer's Concordance “Repentance is the change of mind of those who have begun to abhor their errors and misdeeds, and have determined to enter upon a better course of life, so that repentance embraces both a *recognition of sin* and *sorrow for it*.”

Repentance is not just an attitude. It is an _____.

Ephesians 4:28 *“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”*

Repentance: Leaving behind our sin and walking away from it so there is no chance of returning to it.

Peter said *“Repent and be _____” every one of you.*”

Spiritual baptism: The Spirit of God comes _____ a believer, filling the believer, dwelling inside that person.

John 14:15–17 says that Jesus would send another Comforter to be with us forever. The Spirit of Truth.

1 Corinthians 3:16 We are the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to _____ believers for service, and to be a witness for Him before others.

Acts 8:14–16 “When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Water Baptism A public declaration of our faith in Jesus Christ. An _____ demonstration of the inward _____ that takes place when we receive Him as our Lord and Savior.

Water baptism does not _____ a person.

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

Galatians 3:26-27 says “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Colossians 2:12 “Having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raise Him from the dead...”

Romans 6:4 “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

‘Baptism’ - baptizo, to “ _____, to submerge and to overwhelm.”

Are we a Church _____ with God, participating Jesus’ Great Commission

Acts 1:8 is central: “You will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses.”

Will you go to multiply disciples, sharing the gospel, and being led by the Spirit in everyday life?

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