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ACTS IN DEPTH

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A Brief Outline

1. Context of Peter's Answer: The Jews Seek a **SOLUTION**:

³⁶ *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."* ³⁷ *Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"*

- a. Their **REMORSE**: "they were cut to the heart"
- b. Their **REQUEST**: "what shall we do?"

*NOTE: The message regarding our sin, Jesus' identity (Who He is), and Jesus' activity (What He has done: His life, death, and resurrection) **requires a response from us** as well.*

***What is your response to this message?** No response is really a response of rejection.*

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A Brief Outline

1. The Context of Peter's Answer: The Jews Seek a **SOLUTION**
2. Peter Gives **GOOD** News

³⁸ *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

- a. Command #1: **REPENT!**
- b. Command #2: Be **BAPTIZED!**
- c. The **FORMULA**: In the Name of Jesus Christ
- d. The Preposition: **FOR**
- e. Result #1: **RELEASE** of sins
- f. Result #2: The **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit

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Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38

1. Puzzle Piece #1: The **COMMAND** to Repent
 - a. The **NECESSITY** of "Repent"
 - An **IMPERATIVE**: Required
 - Popular Emphasis: Required as an **EXTRA** Step

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1. Puzzle Piece #1: The **COMMAND** to Repent
 - a. The **NECESSITY** of “Repent”
 - b. The **MEANING** of “Repent”
 - Popular Meaning(s) or **USAGES** of the Term
 - One Common Usage: “Repent of Your **SINS**”
 - An Additional Requirement for Salvation?
 - Synonyms Used in the **CONTEXT** as a Clue

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1. Puzzle Piece #1: The **COMMAND** to Repent
2. Puzzle Piece #2: The **FORMULA** for Baptism
 - a. The **CONFLICT** of the Formula

Matt. 28:19 *“Go therefore and make disciples ... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*
 - b. The **MEANING** of the Formula
 - c. The **ORDER** Indicated by the Context as a Clue (41)

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3. Puzzle Piece #3: **TWO** Requirements for Salvation?

- a. Repent **AND** be baptized

Mark 16:16 *"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

- b. "**FOR** the remission of sins"

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- b. "**FOR** the remission of sins"

- c. A **KEY** Scriptural Use of "For" (Greek *eis*)

Matt 12:41 *The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.*

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 - c. A **KEY** Scriptural Use of “For” (Greek *eis*)
 - d. The Large Number of Passages for **BELIEF** Alone

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4. Puzzle Piece #4: The Term **REMISSION**
 - a. A less-common term for salvation
 - *Noun: 17x in 16 verses*
 - *Verb: 143x in 131 verses*
 - a. Meaning of the term

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4. Puzzle Piece #4: The TERM “Remission”

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What Is Peter Saying? Not Saying?

Brief Summary Today (More Depth on “Repent” Next Week)

REPENT means “to change one’s mind,” and is tied to the term “believe” which is used much more often in Scripture. Based on other very clear passages (e.g. John 3:16-18; Acts 16:30-31), “repent” cannot be an “extra step,” but must be tied directly to belief itself. When one believes God’s Good News, that person is repenting – changing his/her mind.

BAPTISM is seen throughout the New Testament as an outward symbol and declaration of one’s identification with Jesus’ death and resurrection. Over and over in Scripture we see that people first believe, and then they are baptized. For the Jews in Jerusalem, it was a public announcement of belief in Jesus.

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