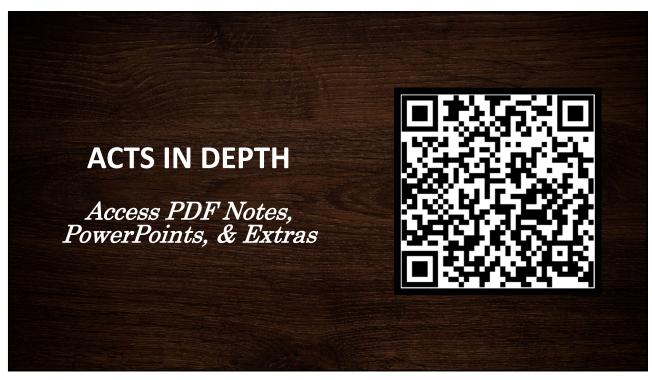


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### **A Brief Outline**

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

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." <sup>37</sup> 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

<sup>38</sup> 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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#### **Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38**

- 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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## **Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38**

- 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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#### **Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38**

- 1. Puzzle Piece #1: The COMMAND to Repent
- 2. Puzzle Piece #2: The FORMULA for Baptism
- 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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## **Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38**

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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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  - d. The Large Number of Passages for BELIEF Alone

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## **Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38**

- 1. Puzzle Piece #1: The COMMAND to Repent
- 2. Puzzle Piece #2: The FORMULA for Baptism
- 3. Puzzle Piece #3: TWO Requirements for Salvation?
- 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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#### **Puzzle Pieces of Acts 2:38**

1. Puzzle Piece #1: The **COMMAND** to Repent

2. Puzzle Piece #2: The FORMULA for Baptism

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

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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