

# **Peter's "Keys to the Kingdom" Sermon on the Day of Pentecost**



## **Knowing the Father and the Son**

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## Before You Begin

A defining moment in the ministry of Jesus was when he asked the disciples who they said he was. They had been with him for nearly 3 years, seen the miracles and wonders he had performed, listened to his teaching and watched his life.

Peter, without hesitation responded, "You are the anointed one, the son of the living God." Jesus was so moved by his answer that he said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

So Peter's knowledge of who Jesus is was a revelation of the Father and on that rock Jesus said he would build his church. I have read the statements of faith of many churches and Christian organizations. It is astounding how few Statements of Faith clearly include Peter's declaration, "You are the anointed one (the Christ), the son of the living God." To this great truth we are all called to be witnesses.

This booklet contains Peter's first sermon, preached just after he had been baptized in the Spirit. We might say that with this message he uses the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" to open the door to salvation for all that believe and act upon what he says. May God bless you as you read the message, fill in the blanks on pages 6 and 7 and then act upon what you have learned!

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What was the information Peter gave to the crowd on the day of Pentecost about who Jesus is and what did he tell them to do to be saved?

## The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, **a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.** <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "**What does this mean?**"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

## Peter Addresses the Crowd

Acts 2:<sup>14</sup> Then **Peter** stood up with the Eleven, **raised his voice and addressed the crowd**: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain

this to you; **listen carefully to what I say.** <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of  
the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord (Yehovah) will be  
saved.'<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: **Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.** <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,<sup>[d]</sup> put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> **But God raised him from the dead,** freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of

the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> **God has raised this Jesus to life,** and we are all witnesses of it. <sup>33</sup> **Exalted to the right hand of God,** he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord: (Yahweh said to my *adoni* in Hebrew – Psalm 110:1)

“Sit at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet.”<sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**”

## What Shall We Do?

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles,  
**“Brothers, what shall we do?”**

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, **“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> **Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.**

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## Questions – fill in the blanks

In verse 22, who does Peter say Jesus was? Jesus of Nazareth was \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

After Jesus was put to death on a cross, what happened to him in verse 24? G \_\_\_\_\_  
h \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 32, what did Peter say they were all witnesses of?  
G \_\_\_\_\_ this  
J \_\_\_\_\_.

According to verse 33, where is Jesus now? at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ hand \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 36, what did Peter say happened to this Jesus, whom they had crucified? G \_\_\_\_\_ has made him both  
L \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

After hearing Peter's message, the people realized they were

guilty of crucifying the Messiah and they were cut to the heart. What did they say to Peter and the other apostles in verse 37? Brothers, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

In response, in verse 38 what did Peter tell them to do for the forgiveness of their sins? R \_\_\_\_\_ and be  
\_\_\_\_\_, every one of you in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of J \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the promise for all who do what Peter said? And you will r \_\_\_\_\_ **the gift of the Holy**  
S \_\_\_\_\_.

Here is the first part of verse 22. Write out the rest of the verse in the space that follows. “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: **Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God** to you by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, as you yourselves know.

In John 8:32 Jesus said, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!” In verse 40 Jesus says he is “**a man** who has told you **the truth that I heard from God.**”

Your name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## Our Response

Some 3,000 people responded immediately to Peter's message and were filled with joy. It is wonderful to have **a relationship with God and with his son**, the lord Jesus restored.

You too can **know the joy** of having your sins forgiven and be filled with God's Spirit. You can know God and his son, Jesus, in a way you never dreamed to be possible. Jesus, in a prayer to his Father in heaven said, "And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus the messiah whom you have sent."



These are the steps to life:

1. **Know** that God has raised Jesus, who was crucified because of our sins, and made him both lord and messiah.
2. **Repent** deeply of all sin. Real repentance includes asking forgiveness of those we have harmed or hurt, restoring, if possible what we have stolen, making everything right with God and our fellow human beings.
3. In repentance **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ (Anointed) for the forgiveness of sins.
4. Consciously **receive** God's holy Spirit in a way that reflects how the Spirit was received in the Book of Acts.

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1 Peter 1:8 **"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy..."**