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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Responding to Good News

Acts 2:37-41

- I. A response is required when the Gospel is presented (Acts 2:37).
- II. Faith in Jesus Christ is the right response to the Gospel (Acts 2:38-40).
  - A. What we do: Repent and be Baptized (2:38a)
    - *Repent*: As a sinner in need of salvation, *change your mind* about Jesus Christ and trust in Him alone (The choice we make that brings salvation – Acts 3:19).  
= *Believe in Christ* (Acts 4:4; 5:14; 11:17; 16:33 etc.)
    - *Be Baptized*: Every believer should be baptized with water to show their faith in Christ (The choice we make that identifies us and begins a life of obedience – 2:41). Baptism was immediate (8:12; 8:38; 10:47; 16:33 etc.)
      - *The name of Jesus*: Salvation depends on Jesus' death and resurrection (2:21; 4:12).
  - B. What God does: God forgives our sins and gives us the Holy Spirit when we trust in Christ (2:38b; John 14:17; 1 Corinthians 6:18-19).
  - C. The offer is for all (2:39).
    - *You and your children* – Jews
    - *All who are far off* – Gentiles
      - Do we call on God or does God call us, or both? See Acts 2:21.39; 13:48; 16:14.
  - D. The offer is repeated (2:40).
    - What we must do: Be Saved
    - Salvation means we escape the judgment facing the rest of our corrupt generation (2 Peter 1:4).
- III. 3000 people responded to the invitation on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41).
  - A. *Accepted his message*: 3000 people accepted Peter's message and believed in Christ.
  - B. *Baptized*: 3000 people were baptized with water.