



## SALVATION, “ANYONE?”

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**JOHN 3:16 NKJV – (16)** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The crowd gathered in the first place because the Holy Spirit came on 120 Jesus-followers who started speaking different languages and dialects (**Acts 2:4–13**) as Joel prophesied (**Acts 2:17–18**). Peter finishes the first sermon of the church age by presenting three incredible truths: Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah sent by God to save the Jews; the Jews killed Him; God raised Him from the dead, giving the Jews hope for their own resurrection. After such a speech of signs, condemnation, and hope, it's no wonder Peter's audience responds, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

The Jews reacted three ways to Peter's message which led them to salvation.

(1) **CONVICTION – ACTS 2:37 AMP: (37)** Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart [with remorse and anxiety], and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what are we to do?"

(2) **CHANGE (REPENTANCE) – ACTS 2:38-40 AMP: (38)** And Peter said to them, "Repent [change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways, accept and follow Jesus as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself." (40) And Peter solemnly testified and continued to admonish *and* urge them with many more words, saying, "Be saved from this crooked *and* unjust generation!"

(3) **CONVERSION – ACTS 2:41 AMP: (41)** So then, those who accepted his message were baptized; and on that day about 3,000 souls were added [to the body of believers].

This led to the birth of the "Church - **ACTS 2:42-47.**" Salvation anyone? Oh, by the way, it's free.

**SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 5:12-17**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Allow the love of God to convince you.