

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.'

2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know-

2:23 "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

2:24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

2:25 "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.'

2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

2:27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

From Today's Sermon

Jesus once told his disciples, "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power and will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Then the Holy Spirit descended, and the disciples from Galilee received fiery tongues and spoke of God's great work in the language of every corner of the world as the Holy Spirit caused them to speak.

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He began his sermon with the words, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," and "Hear now what I am saying to you, O people of Israel.

Remember the mighty works, miracles, and signs that Jesus did. This is the One sent by God. This redemption was by God's plan and foreknowledge, but you have unlawfully killed him on the cross. But God raised this Jesus from the agony of death, releasing him from the agony of death. It is impossible for such a thing as Jesus to be ruled by death.

David also said. He always saw the Lord before him, and his heart was not shaken. He said, "My heart rejoices, my tongue rejoices more, and my body lives because of what I desire. Oh, He will not leave my soul in Hades to decay, but will show me the way of life and fill me with joy. He knew the path that Jesus followed and took it as his consolation.

Those who call on this name, the name of the Lord Jesus, will be saved today. He is the way of life and the rock of hope. In this world of trouble, let us proclaim His name with joyful tongues.

Good morning, everyone.

Last week we celebrated Pentecost.

Jesus' promise was fulfilled: "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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Peter is trying to tell the Israelites about the person of Jesus of Nazareth. This is a very important thing to be told by the Holy Spirit.

2:22 Hear now what I say to you, O Israelites. For you know well that Jesus the Nazarene was the one whom God showed to you through him that he was God's handmaid, by his many mighty works, miracles, and signs, which he did among you.

Peter said that the mighty works, miracles, and signs manifested by Jesus are the things that God has done in your midst through Jesus. Remembering that God Himself performed miracles, wonders, and signs in your midst through Jesus, whom you saw and heard, and that many impossible things happened, and considering them in continuity with the events of Jesus' resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit, you can honestly say that all of them were God's work. Peter urges us to remember that many things happened that could not have happened, and to think of them in continuity with the events of Jesus' resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

What about us? Is what is happening among us mere coincidence? Or do we think that nothing good has happened to us and that we can't believe in God because of all the bad things that have happened to us?

Jesus the Nazarene is the one "whom God has shown you that He sent from God through Him, by the many mighty works, miracles, and signs that God has done among you.

Through Jesus, God showed us many powerful works, miracles, and signs. Some people did not believe it was a lie.

On the day of Pentecost, when the disciples from Galilee spoke of the great works of Almighty God by the Holy Spirit in the languages of many nations that they had never learned, some people refused to face the truth, saying, "They are drunk with the new wine.

This statement is true today, tomorrow, and forever: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

2:22 Hear now what I say to you, O Israelites.

As you well know, Jesus the Nazarene, by the many mighty works, miracles, and signs that God has done through him among you...

The mighty works that God has done through Jesus are as you well know. It is not that you do not know it; you know it well. For though you know it well, yet it is beyond the power of man, even though it was brought about by the hand of this Jesus, not by his power, but by the will of the One who sent him,

2:23 For it was by God's predestined plan and foreknowledge that this Jesus was delivered, but you crucified him and killed him at the hands of the unrighteous.

In that way, Peter tells us, Jesus was sent only by God, and you Israelites crucified Him under the lawlessness, because of your crimes, as Gentiles without God and without law. Even if that atonement by the cross was all according to God's predestined plan, foreknowledge, and purpose, it does not justify the sin.

What is Jesus like for us? Knowing the path that God has opened for us by sending Jesus, teaching, performing miracles, and even atoning on the cross, how should we, who are familiar with the many powerful works, miracles, and signs that God has performed in us through him, face Jesus? How should we face Jesus, knowing well the many powerful works, miracles and signs that God has done in us through him? If God speaks to us and works in us so much through Jesus, why should we be afraid, pessimistic, or troubled? But the Israelites, God's

people, His elect, His believing people, rejected the hand that God reached out to them through Jesus, dismissed them as a godless people, rejected them, persecuted them, tormented them, and hung them on crosses. What about us? Are we moving forward in faith as a people who believe? Or do we harden our hearts and come to conclusions based on what we see and conclude that God does not care about us?

2:24 For God has raised Jesus from the dead, having released him from the agony of death. For Jesus could not have been ruled by death.

But God set Jesus free from the agony of death. And God raised him from the dead. It is impossible for Jesus to be controlled by death, and it is impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

The path of witness, sent by God to speak and do what is ordained by God. There are encounters of joyful acceptance and encounters of rejection and persecution. There may be times when we experience a living hell and suffer as if we were thrown into an abyss. But God will deliver you from that suffering.

Hebrews 12:4 When you wrestle with sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood. 12:5 And you have forgotten this word of exhortation spoken to you, as to sons, / "My son, / do not despise the training of the Lord. Do not be weak when the Lord reprobates you. 12:6 He trains whom He loves, and whips every child whom He receives. 12:7 And ye shall endure as a discipline: for God dealeth with you as with sons. For God deals with you as with sons. For what child is not being trained by the Father?

12:11 All training does not seem pleasant at first, but rather sad. But later, it will bring forth the fruit of peace and righteousness in those who are trained by it.

Jesus committed no sin. He was handed over to death as a substitute, but can the world of death keep the righteous one forever? No, it cannot. It is impossible.

Can we, who have been forgiven and cleansed through Jesus' atonement, remain in sin forever after we have been forgiven and saved? That is also impossible.

Can we, who have been saved through Jesus' substitution, forget our debt to the One who took our place and gave Himself up for us and simply say, "Thank you for taking care of my sins," "Thanks to you I am free," and "Good-bye, I am free to go on my own? No, it is impossible. No, it is not possible. But if we do, we are not really connected to Jesus and we are not living in His resurrection life.

2:25 David says of Jesus, "I have always seen the Lord before my eyes. For He is at my right hand, that I may not be moved.

2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue sang with gladness. My flesh also shall live in hope.

2:27 Thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades, nor wilt Thou permit Thy saints to perish.

2:28 Thou wilt show me the way of life, and fill me with joy in Thy presence.

David also suffered in many ways. He sometimes wandered in danger of death and tasted the pain of it. He also had an inner weakness and a huge sin debt. In the midst of all this, he fled to Jesus.

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Always have the Lord before your eyes. This is the joy of us Christians. For the believer who does so, the Lord is at our right hand that we may not be shaken or moved.

2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue sang joyfully. My flesh also shall live in hope. My heart, my tongue, and my flesh. We are kept in joy and hope.

Our sinking hearts rejoice because the Lord is at our right hand, always guarding us so that we will not be moved. Because this is felt not just once, but always and constantly, that gratitude and joy increases daily, and our tongue is constantly filled with joy, which becomes praise and thanksgiving. Our bodies also live in hope, which can be lived in the very opposite of disappointment.

2:27 Thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor wilt thou permit thy saints to perish.

David is speaking here of his faith that God will not abandon him, but did he realize that these words were inadvertently prophetic of Jesus? No, he was looking far ahead to Jesus. He said, "I have always seen Him before my eyes. He is at my right hand, that I may not be moved," and in Jesus, God "will not cast him into Hades, but will not allow your saints to perish," and he must have been confident of his own protection with the certainty of the far-off prophecy. It is truly a wonder that David saw Jesus as Lord and saw Him before his eyes a thousand years before His birth. This can only be a revelation from God. But if he was informed by God of what would happen a thousand years in the future, and he placed his hope there, how easy it is for us to place our hope in Jesus. Even though it was 2,000 years ago, we have the testimony

of how earnestly the Christians of the time period waited for Him and obtained salvation and comfort. Otherwise, how could this faith remain in the world today, 2,000 years later?

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This Jesus is our way of life that remains the same today. Just as God made the way of life known to David in a mysterious way, so He has made it known to us. And He fills us with joy in His presence. We are filled with joy in His presence.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Before that, we thank the Lord for revealing to us Christ (Savior) Jesus, the way of life, and we desire to announce this way of life to you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. All who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. As the way of our life, Jesus was born, sent and spoke, showed it surely with His mighty works, and was crucified by human hands, just as God had planned. God did not leave His Son in death, in the world of the dead, but resurrected Him. Because this Lord is at my right hand, I will never be shaken. I, like David, can obtain the way of life through Jesus. My heart rejoices, my tongue is filled with praise and thanksgiving, and my body lives in hope. Please let me testify of this path of hope and life. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Please bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.