

A person in a dark coat is walking away from the viewer on a narrow wooden plank path that stretches across a vast sea of white and golden clouds. The sky is filled with dramatic, layered clouds, with a bright sun or light source on the left side, creating a warm, golden glow. The overall scene is ethereal and expansive.

ACTS

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH
SUNDAY TEACHING SERIES

POWER FROM HEAVEN- PART 2

ACTS 2:14-47

I. THE CHURCH WITNESSING TO THE LOST ACTS 2:14-41

What a word for us today . . . do we have boldness to preach and a heart for the lost?

- *Peter did not preach in tongues*; he simply addressed his audience in the everyday Aramaic that they understood.
- The message was given by a Jew to Jews. **ACTS 2:14, 22, 29, 36**
- It was given on a Jewish holy day, about the resurrection of the Jewish Messiah whom their nation had crucified.

THERE ARE THREE EXPLANATIONS IN PETER'S SERMON

- 1. He explained what happened: the Spirit had come. v. 14-21**
- 2. He explained how it happened: Jesus was alive. v. 22-35**

Peter gave them four proofs of this fact:

- A. His first proof was the person of Jesus Christ. v. 22-24**
- B. Peter's second proof was the prophecy of David. v. 25-31**
- C. The third proof was the witness of the believers. v. 33**
- D. Peter's fourth proof of the resurrection of Christ was the presence of the Holy Spirit. v. 33-35**

3. Then he explained why it happened: to save sinners!!!

v. 36-41

- The Holy Spirit took Peter's message and used it to convict the hearts of the listeners.
- After all, if they were guilty of crucifying their Messiah, what might God do to them?
- Peter told them how to be saved: they had to repent of their sins and believe on Jesus Christ.
- Is baptism essential for salvation? **OF COURSE NOT.**
- If so, then nobody in **HEBREWS 11** was saved because none of them was ever baptized. Same would be true for the thief on the cross.

II. THE CHURCH WALKING IN THE SPIRIT **ACTS 2:42-47**

The early church did more than make converts, they made *disciples*. **MATT. 28:19-20**

- The Church was unified. **ACTS 2:44**
- The Church magnified the Lord. **ACTS 2:47a**
- The Church multiplied in number. **ACTS 2:47b**

Their Christian faith was a day-to-day reality, not a once-a-week routine. Why?

- Because the **Risen Christ** was a living reality to them, and **His resurrection power** was at work in their lives through the Holy Spirit.