

## Entrance Into God's Kingdom 2001

God's answer to the sinner's question: Acts 2:38 —Repent . . . be baptized . . . receive the Holy Spirit.

### I. Repentance

- A. An inward decision, an act of the will. The sinner's first response to God:
  - 1. Mark 1:3–4—Prepare ye the way of the Lord . . . John did preach the baptism of *repentance* . . .
  - 2. Mark 1:15—Jesus: *Repent* ye, and believe the gospel . . .
  - 3. Luke 13:3–5—Except ye *repent*, ye shall all likewise *perish* . . .
  - 4. Luke 24:47—*Repentance*, and remission of sins should be preached . . .
  - 5. Acts 2:38—*Repent*, and be baptized . . .
  - 6. Acts 3:19—*Repent*, and be converted . . .
  - 7. Acts 17:30—God now commandeth *all men everywhere to repent* . . .
  - 8. Acts 20:21—Testifying *repentance* towards God, and *faith* towards our Lord Jesus Christ . . .
  - 9. Heb. 6:1–2—The foundation of *repentance* . . . *faith* . . . *baptisms* . . . *laying on of hands* . . . *resurrection* . . . *judgment* . . .
  - 10. Rev. chs. 2, 3—To five Churches: *Repent*

### II. Baptism

- A. The outward act demonstrating the inward change: Identification with Jesus in death, burial, resurrection
  - 1. Matt. 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16—The commission of Jesus.
  - 2. Rom. 6:4—Therefore we are *buried* with him by *baptism* . . .
  - 3. Col. 2:12—*Buried* with him . . . *risen* with him . . .
- B. In Acts, every convert was *baptized immediately*:
  - 1. Acts 8:12—The *Samaritans*—when they believed, they were *baptized*
  - 2. Acts 8:36–38—The *eunuch*: “See, here is water . . .”
  - 3. Acts 9:18—*Paul*: “forthwith was *baptized*” (compare Acts 22:16—“Why tarriest thou?”)
  - 4. Acts 16:31–32 The *jailer*: “. . . the same hour of the night . . .”

### III. Receive The Holy Spirit

- A. Acts 1:5, 8—The *promise* and the *purpose*
- B. Acts 2:2–4—The *pattern*:
  - 1. *Immersion*—from above
  - 2. *Infilling/drinking*
  - 3. *Outflow* (compare John 7:37–39, 1 Cor. 12:13)
  - 4. Acts 8:14–18—The *Samaritans* . . .
  - 5. Acts 9:17—*Ananias* to *Saul* . . .
  - 6. Acts 10:44–46—The household of *Cornelius* . . .
  - 7. Acts 19:6—The “*disciples*” at *Ephesus* . . .

### IV. Picture From The Old Testament

- A. Salvation in three phases:

- Jude 5—Israel's deliverance from Egypt a type of "salvation"
1. 1 Cor. 5:7—*Phase 1*: The passover lamb and the sprinkled *blood*
  2. 1 Cor. 10:1–2, 6, 11—Followed by a double baptism:
  3. *Phase 2*: "In the cloud" (= the *Holy Spirit*)
  4. *Phase 3*: "In the sea" (= *water*)
- B.** The *blood* provided: *righteousness*
- C.** The *cloud* provided: *protection—comfort—direction*
- D.** The *sea* provided separation for *newness of leader—laws—destination*

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