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 . . .
      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 . . .
     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
      2. Rom. 6:4 — Therefore we are buried with him by baptism . . .
   B. In Acts, every convert was baptized immediately:
      1. Acts 8:12 — The Samaritans — when they believed, they were baptized

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)

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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