

# An example of obedience to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ

## The sermon or witness of Peter

<sup>AC 2:22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

" `I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

<sup>AC 2:26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will live in hope,

<sup>AC 2:27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

<sup>AC 2:28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. <sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

" `The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand

<sup>AC 2:35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '

<sup>AC 2:36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

<sup>AC 2:37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

<sup>AC 2:38</sup> Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

<sup>AC 2:40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

<sup>AC 2:42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had

everything in common. <sup>45</sup> Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## **The process of Salvation and establishing a Church Fellowship**

1. The Gospel proclaimed by Peter explaining about the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. The Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of those who heard the Gospel, they were convicted of their sin, because they had crucified the Son of God.
3. The people understood the Gospel, believed the Gospel and asked what they must do to be saved.
4. Peter answers their question by stating that they must repent and be baptized.
5. Three thousand people responded by repenting from sin and submitting themselves to be baptized the same day they believed and repented. There was no more teaching prior to baptism.
6. All those who were baptized became members of the Jerusalem Church Fellowship.
7. The people attended Bible Studies.
8. They had fellowship one with another.
9. They participated at the Lord's Supper remembering the death of the Lord Jesus Christ
10. They attended Prayer Services.
11. The Lord confirmed the preaching and teaching of His Word with wonders and miracles by the Apostles.
12. The believers had everything in common. The rich helped the poor by selling their possessions and so all needs were met.
13. They had daily worship, prayer and communion (Lord's Supper) and shared their meals both in public places and in their homes.
14. They rejoiced in God's goodness and were sincere in their daily lives.
15. They praised God continually.
16. They had a good reputation with all the people in the community.
17. Daily more people were saved and added to the church.