

# The Word of the Lord, Proclaimed to the Nations

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***“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, Whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, Brothers, what shall we do?” 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. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call. With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, save yourselves from this corrupt generation. Those who received his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”***

WOW! Wouldn't it be fantastic if every time the Word of Our Lord was proclaimed, 3,000 people would come to faith in Jesus as their One and Only Savior from sin?!?!?!?!?

Of course if this happened every time the Word of God were proclaimed, how long would it take before our sinful nature would start to complain because we wanted 4,000 or 6,000 people to come to faith each time the Word were proclaimed, not just 3,000?

As we read through the sermon that Peter proclaimed on that day, we see that Peter clearly uses both Law and Gospel. The Law which shows us our sin, and the Gospel which shows us our Savior.

As we hear the law, we must admit, that it was our sin that also nailed Jesus on the cross. We also are responsible.

As we hear the Gospel, we cannot help but give Jesus thanks and praise that He went to the cross because of my sin as well as the sin of the World, and by His innocent sacrifice and glorious resurrection, we are forgiven, and Heaven is our future home, even as our eyes of faith see heaven here and now. AMEN!