

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter's discourse

³⁴Peter then spoke to them:

—Truly, I realize that God does not show partiality, ³⁵but in all nations he listens to everyone who fears God and does good. ³⁶And this is the message he has sent to the children of Israel, the good news of peace he has proclaimed through Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all. ³⁷No doubt you have heard of the event that occurred throughout the whole country of the Jews, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism John preached. ³⁸You know how God anointed Jesus the Nazarean with Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all who were under the devil's power, because God was with him; ³⁹we are witnesses of all that he did throughout the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem itself. Yet they put him to death by hanging him on a wooden cross.

⁴⁰But God raised him to life on the third day and let him manifest himself, ⁴¹not to all the people, but to the witnesses that were chosen beforehand by God—to us who ate and drank with him after his resurrection from death. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one appointed by God to judge the living and the dead.

⁴⁴Peter was still speaking when the Holy Spirit came upon all who listened to the Word. ⁴⁵And the believers of Jewish origin who had come with Peter were amazed:

—Why! God gives and pours the Holy Spirit on foreigners also!

⁴⁶For indeed this happened: they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

⁴⁷Then Peter declared:

—Can we refuse to baptize with water these people who have received the Holy Spirit, just as we have?

⁴⁸So he had them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After that they asked him to remain with them for some days.

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