

# JESUS IS GOD!

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SESSION #2 (Twente)

Introduction –

Opening Prayer:

*The Book of Hebrews:*

*Read verses 1:1-4!! God spoke in the past by the prophets, now in last days through His Son His Son – heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds, being the brightness of His glory*

*Read Verses 1:5-14 Jesus Christ superior to angels*

*1<sup>st</sup> Danger Signal - Peril of drifting 2:3-4*

*Lower than the angels bringing many sons to glory! Read 2:9, 10, 11*

*Greater than Moses! 3:3, 5, 6*

*2<sup>nd</sup> warning! Doubting or unbelief! 3:12-14*

*The Promise (Jesus) of Rest 4:1, 2, 8, 11-16*

*Jesus as Eternal High Priest superior to Abraham/Moses/Levitical priesthood 5:5-10*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Warning – Dull of hearing 3:11*

*4<sup>th</sup> Danger – Departing 6:3-6*

*God's Infallible Purpose in Christ 6:17, 19, 20*

*Need for new priesthood 7: 11-19; Greatness of the New Priest 7:22-28 1-1-13*

*The New Priestly Service; A New Covenant – 0:1- Chapter 8! 1-13*

*Limitations of Earthly Service; The Heavenly Sanctuary 9:7-15*

*Greatness of Christ's Sacrifice 9:23-28*

*Animal Sacrifices Insufficient; Christ's death fulfills God's will; Christ death perfect the sanctified 10:3-12*

*Hold Fast Your Confession! 10:19-25*

*5<sup>th</sup> General Danger – “Despising” ; The Just Shall Love By Faith 10:29, 35, 36-39*

*Faith – 11:1-3, 6*

*The Race of Faith 12:1-2*

*6<sup>th</sup> Danger – 12:15, 16*

*The Glorious Company 12:22-29*

*Religious Direction 13:8, 15, 16*

*Benediction: 13:20-22*

God, Himself, had to be the Messiah in order: He alone is the Hope and Keeper of Israel.

Born Again to a Living Hope –

1Pe 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4 ] to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

The Time of the End

Dan 12:1-3 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. [2] And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. [3] Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

The Mystery of Israel's Salvation Rom 11:25-27 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. [26] And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written (Isaiah 59:20): "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB; [27] FOR THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

### ***The Coming of the Holy Spirit – Pentecost – Acts Chapter 2***

Act 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

Act 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

Act 2:9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Act 2:11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Act 2:12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

Act 2:13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

### **Peter's Sermon at Pentecost- what a Spirit filled situation!**

#### **A great Biblical example of presenting the gospel to the Jews!**

Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up (because of the baptism of the Holy Spirit!) with the eleven, raised his voice and said (to speak forth with unction – prophetic) to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

Act 2:15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. (On feast days, Jews would not touch anything by 9am)

*Act 2:16 But this is what (answer to v. 12 “Whatever could this mean?”) was spoken by the prophet Joel: (Peter speaks forth through Scripture. He has a Biblical basis for the supernatural phenomenon -so important! We need to have that basis for all supernatural spiritual phenomenon! Practiced and taught on by Jesus, by the apostles and by the early church. Experiences cannot be a basis for Scriptural truths. For spiritual phenomenon, we always need to give a Scriptural basis!)*

*Act 2:17 'AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS (from Pentecost to the Last days-church age; “no ceasing of spiritual gifts”!) IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS.*

*Act 2:18 AND ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS; AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY. (No distinction! Not just on the few prophets and some kings! But on every single one that want to believe on these things! God Almighty will come into us, freshly filling us with the Holy Spirit!!!)*

*Act 2:19 I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. (Great Tribulation)*

*Act 2:20 THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD.*

*Act 2:21 AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER (all whoever) CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.' (You are going to be before some pretty awesome situation and the Holy Spirit will give you the words to say!)*

**FOUNDATION OF FACTS - the great events in history upon which our Christian faith rests: The life, and the death, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.**

They of all people would have been prepared to contradict the apostle if any of these events were legend or myth, as some scholars today try to tell us they were. But here the apostle simply sets these forth as conclusive evidence of which they themselves are the witnesses, and thus he begins to drive home to their hearts the indisputable proofs which lie behind the claims of Christian faith.

: (VS. 22-24) that God would begin a new age, what we now call "the age of the Spirit," and that it would begin and be characterized by a proclamation of the truth by all kinds of people and all classes of society -- men and women, young and old, servants and masters, Jews and Gentiles -- all kinds of flesh. The Spirit of God would come upon them and they would be able to speak the truth about Jesus Christ. The age, Joel said, would begin by proclamation, but it would end with tribulation. But the Apostle Peter said that, throughout this whole age, the great and good news would be that whoever would call upon the name of the Lord would be saved. By "salvation" he meant that they would be able to be free from everything that keeps them from being the kind of men and women they were intended to be. This is what salvation is. It is a restoration to what God intended when he made man in the first place. The way you will be saved, Peter says, is to call upon the name of the Lord.

Having said that, he is now ready to drop a bomb upon these people. For, "That Lord upon which men must call," he announces, "is none other than the prophet who was crucified 50 days ago here in the city of Jerusalem -- Jesus of Nazareth." That striking announcement fell upon the ears of these people with fantastic power. For it came as Peter set before them a three-fold argument which began with the humanity of Jesus and ended with a clear proclamation of his deity. And, in that three-fold argument, Peter moved with such precision and such irrefutable proofs that, when he arrived at his conclusion, some 3,000 people arrived with him. We are going to look at that most impressive and convincing message now.

*Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth(Point 1 - 1 Cor. 15:3-4), a Man attested (Point 2 - approved – what Christ was- signs and wonders) by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know (conclusive evidence)---*

The second event Peter focuses on is the death of Jesus.

The cross was no accident in the life of Jesus; it was programmed by God the Father from the beginning of time. It was an essential event, says this apostle. By that he indicates that the only way God could deal with the problem of human evil, the basic problem with which we all wrestle, was by the death of Jesus. It had to be, and God arranged it. Because there is no way to deal with this evil within us except by death.

Act 2:23 **Him (Point 3 -this one – crucifixion of Jesus was not accident, prophesied Psalm 22; Is. 53:4-6), being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless (given to Rome) hands, have crucified (crucified by God's will; don't blame the Jews; or the Romans, blame me and you!), and put to death;**

The third event was the resurrection: Here is revealed the power of God among men -- the resurrection power of God, a power which man cannot duplicate. And that is what makes men so angry. Resurrection power is the ability to bring life out of death, to correct a situation which is hopeless, to change a person who is irremediable -- that is resurrection power.

To me, one of the greatest proofs of the resurrection of Jesus is right here -- that this man could stand up in the city where these events had taken place, a little more than a month earlier, and tell these people that Jesus had risen from the dead, and not one voice challenges him!

Act 2:24 **whom God raised up (Point 4 - this is the heart, the central theme of the sermon! The resurrection!), having loosed** the (birth pains) pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. (Notice – no protests!)

The second movement of Peter's address is the revelation of the background of prediction. There is also a pattern of prediction to which they are linked which tremendously enhances the power of the apostle's argument. He quotes now from David:

The point Peter is making here by this quotation from the sixteenth Psalm is not merely that David had predicted that Jesus would rise from the dead, it is also that David had declared that the resurrection was absolutely necessary in view of the life Jesus had lived.

Act 2:25 (now turning prophecy, Ps 16 – Paul will also quote this in his sermon in Acts 13:35; Scriptural basis for the nbelief and the resurrection of the Messish! ) For David says concerning Him: 'I FORESAW THE LORD ALWAYS BEFORE MY FACE, FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.

Act 2:26 THEREFORE MY HEART REJOICED, AND MY TONGUE WAS GLAD; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL REST IN HOPE.

Act 2:27 FOR **YOU WILL NOT LEAVE (abandon) MY SOUL IN HADES, NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE (The Messiah!) TO SEE CORRUPTION.** (because of the resurrection-after crucifixion he won't corrupt because He will be resurrected-what prophecy!!)

Act 2:28 YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE.'

The second point that Peter makes is that David was not talking about himself, because David died and was buried, and he remains dead. If you don't believe it, there's his tomb" Peter says that is the proof that it is not David who is reflected here; it is Another. And that Other is the Messiah, Jesus the Christ.

Act 2:29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

Act 2:31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

ANSWERS QUESTION!! Act 2:32 Now having laid a biblical basis, now he will answer their question: This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

His third point in this movement is that death had no effect whatsoever upon Jesus Christ.

Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:33-37 RSV)

Once again the apostle turns the whole crowd into witnesses of what he claimed. He says, "You are seeing right now the proof of what David had predicted would happen." And he quotes from the 110th Psalm the prediction that God would say to David's Lord, "Sit at my right hand till I make you ruler over all -- till I make your enemies your footstool." "And now," Peter says, "you know that has happened: 'Being therefore exalted

at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the **promise of the Holy Spirit, he has now poured out this which you see and hear.**"

That meant they were looking right then at the tongues of fire which danced on the heads of these men, and they were hearing the sound of the mighty wind, and the utterance of the strange languages. **"These things," Peter says, "are proof that Jesus of Nazareth is Lord and Christ."** **"Lord" means ruler of all things, king over all men, the One who holds the key to life and death, heaven and hell, in his hands. All power in heaven and in earth is committed unto him. And there is no authority or power that exists which does not take its direction and its limitation from him. "Christ," of course, means "Messiah."** We say the words, "Jesus Christ," and many of us think that Jesus is his first name, and Christ his last. But that is not the case. Jesus is his name; Christ is his title. Christ means Messiah -- the promised One, the Deliverer, the only hope that mankind has ever had. **Suddenly all this made perfect sense to this multitude. The full force of Peter's arguments thudded home, and they realized that they were in a very precarious position. This One whom he had proven, by indisputable evidence, to be Lord, was the One they had crucified 50 days earlier.**

*Act 2:33* **Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. (Jesus is alive!! and seated at the right hand of God in heaven)!!**

*Act 2:34* **"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,**

*Act 2:35* **TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."** ' (right now we're waiting)

**APPLICATION!!** *Act 2:36* **"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (He takes the sword of the Spirit and plunges it into their hearts! And they felt it!) The fruit of his directness is going to be tremendous!!! Words of truth in love!**

*Act 2:37* **Now when they heard this, they were cut (stabbed in the heart, feeling pain. God turns the light on and it hits them, convicts them like a ton of bricks!) to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Is there any hope for us?) No wonder they were cut to the heart and cried out, "Brethren, what shall we do?" There is where Christianity rests its case. Jesus Christ is Lord, whether men know it or not. The very forces which control their lives are dependent upon him.**

**The declaration of Peter on this day is that he is the Inevitable Man. There is no way you can avoid him. Your very life is dependent upon him. He is Lord over all things. And, sooner or later, you have to deal with Jesus Christ, whether you like it or not. The appeal of this crowd is, "What shall we do?" Peter's answer is wonderful -- it is the Christian gospel. We are not going to take it now, but will wait for the next study. But it is a glorious declaration that Christ is not angry at us. He will receive us, if we will deal honestly with him, and recognize the fact that he is Lord, and has the right to Lordship in your life and mine.**

**HERE IS YOUR HOPE!** *Act 2:38* **Then Peter said to them, "Repent (A CHANGE IN DIRECTION, not a dirty word, but a privilege!), and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

*Act 2:39* **For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call. (That includes us!!)"**

*Act 2:40* **And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." (To go back and help!)**

*Act 2:41* **Then those who gladly received his word (Born again!) were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. What a model situation!**

#### **The Fellowship of the Believers**

*Act 2:42* **And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (#1 – make disciples) and fellowship (#2 - koinonia), in the breaking of bread (#3 - communion), and in prayers (#4).**

*Act 2:43* **Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.**

*Act 2:44* **Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,**

*Act 2:45* **and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.**

*Act 2:46* **So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,**

*Act 2:47* **praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**

*As one writer put it:*

**He had to be what he was in order to do what he did.**

**He had to do what he did in order that we might have what he is.**

**And we must have what he is in order to be what he was.**

**Prayer:**

Our Father, we thank you for the truth in this mighty declaration that Jesus Christ is indeed Lord, that you have exalted him and give him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. We pray that any who have never come to know this One as Lord may now open their life and cry out to him as these men and women did: "What shall we do?" and hear this delivering word to repent and to believe, and thus receive the promised Spirit, who is available to all. We thank you in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Some of my favorite Scriptures**

***John 3:16***

***John 1:1***

***1 John 1:9***

***Col. 3:10-11***

***1 Cor. 15:3-4***

***1 Cor. 11:26***

***Acts 1:8***

***Romans 10:9***

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