



# **IN THE BEGINNING**

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**Acts 2:40** And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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**Acts 2:42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**What do we find “in the beginning” of every individual’s relationship with God?**

**Romans 10:12** For there is **no difference** between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

**Romans 10:13** For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

# 1. **Hearing about the gospel!**

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## **Jesus the man:**

- **Is the Christ / the Messiah!**
- **Is the Lord!**
- **Is risen from the dead!**
- **He is the source of forgiveness of sin and salvation from sin!**

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**Acts 2:47...** **And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

## **Facts for all:**

- **Always a matter of the heart**
- **Conviction – may I say FEAR!**
- **Hearing about Christ**
- **Knowing my needs**

**Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is none righteous,  
no, not one:

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of  
the glory of God;

- **A person sharing**
- **The Holy Spirit calling...internally!**
- **Strong emotions...**

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**Acts 5:33** When they heard that, **they were cut to the heart, and** took counsel to slay them.

**Acts 7:54 When they heard these things, **they were cut to the heart**, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.**

**Acts 22:22 And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, **Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.** Acts 22:23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,**



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## **2. Responding to the gospel!**

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## Repent: Inward transformation

**Acts 5:31** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, **for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.**

**Acts 11:18** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, **Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.**

**Acts 20:21** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Acts 14:27** And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, **they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.**

**Be baptized: outward demonstration & identification!**

➤ Baptism does not save

➤ Baptism cannot save

➤ Baptism is an **outward demonstration** that you have repented and trusted Christ

➤ Baptism is **identification** with Christ!

➤ Baptism **ALWAYS** follows trusting, repenting, believing, receiving, calling...

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### **3. Continuing in the gospel!**

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