



5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I Don't Understand!

¹On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection, all the believers were meeting together in one place.

⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

¹⁴Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, 'Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.

*¹⁷"In the last days," God says,
"I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.*

²²'People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. ²⁴But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

³⁶'So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!'

³⁷Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

³⁸Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins, turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness for your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.' ⁴⁰Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation!'

⁴¹Those who believed what Peter said were baptized..."
(Acts 2:1, 4, 14, 17, 22-24, 36-41 New Living Translation)

The group I was affiliated with sent some students from their school to a foreign land to start a Bible School. I was told that the couple who headed up the new school was not even baptized.

Another student was coming to visit me and asked, “Can my wife and children be baptized?” I replied,

“If you believe with all your heart, you may.” (Acts 8:37a NKJV)

This was the man’s desire, the wife resisted. They didn’t come and I haven’t heard from them since.

I don’t understand this! Do we not believe that Acts 2 is God’s Word? Do they not believe the words of the Apostle Peter, or the words of Luke, the author of the book of Acts, when he said, then they that **gladly, gladly, gladly**, received God’s Word were baptized (Acts 2:41 KJV)?

What’s going on here? When pastors and leaders of Bible schools can start ministries and never obey the foundations of the Christian faith (Hebrews 6:1-2).

I don’t understand!

Questions

- 1** Do you believe what the Apostles are asking you to do?
- 2** Why delay? Believe and obey God.

Answer Key

1 Do you believe what the Apostles are asking you to do?

Vine's Expository Dictionary under the Greek word "peitho," says, "When a man obeys God he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes God."

2 Why delay? Believe and obey God.

We want to hear from you!

We would love to hear your feedback on these lessons and how you use them in your own study or in discipling others. If you have any thoughts, stories, testimonies, comments, or questions we would love to hear them!

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