

Peter's Soul-Stirring Sermon

Review

I. Peter held a strong conviction about the Bible: it is one book, with one message.

- A. Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus had been teaching the disciples.
- B. Peter looked to Scripture to explain and understand the present.
- C. Peter uses a passage from Joel.
- D. In his conviction about Scripture, Peter reveals
 - 1. There is one leading character revealed throughout all of Scripture: _____.
 - 2. There is one historical perspective: _____.
 - 3. There is one focal point figure: _____.
 - 4. There is one body of harmonious teaching about _____.

II. Peter reveals a strong conviction about history: it is guided by God's hand.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³ this

Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it." God was working in history "by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God. Jesus was put to death by lawless men, man's wickedness." Acts 2: 22 – 24

A. The life-changing events they had just witnessed – the death of Jesus Christ, his resurrection, and now, the Day of Pentecost - had been superintended by God's hand.

B. God's providential hand guides us.

III. Peter expressed a deep conviction about Jesus – that Jesus is God.

A. Jesus performed miracles, signs, and wonders.

B. Jesus' soul would not remain in Hades; his body would not see corruption (quoted from Psalm 16).

C. Jesus died but was resurrected, He was ascended to heaven, and He was glorified.

D. Peter quotes another Psalm (110), that "the Lord says to my Lord, Sit at my right hand"

E. "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

F. "Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

G. The crowd's reaction

IV. Peter shows a deep conviction about salvation: a radical change is needed.

- A. Repentance
- B. Baptism
- C. Forgiveness of Sins
- D. Filling of the Holy Spirit

Some additional questions to ponder:

1. How can we get religious, "good" people to feel conviction of their sins?
(See Gal. 3:24; I Tim.1: 8 – 11; Matt. 5:21-48)
2. Agree/disagree: Modern evangelism is too man-centered.
3. Can a person accept Jesus as Savior without accepting Him as Lord?