

HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS FORMED

Lesson 4

How the Local Church Was Formed.

Acts 2:36-41 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.39 “For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself.”40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

1. The New Testament Church is formed through the _____ of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. The first effect of the gospel is to bring _____ of sin.

Acts 2:36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS FORMED

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

“pierced to the heart”

John 16:7–11 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

What is the main work of the Holy Spirit?

To _____

A. Our personal _____

B. Our need for _____

C. Coming _____

If we want our evangelism to be effective, we must
_____ our presentation of the

HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS FORMED

gospel with the way the Holy Spirit operates.

38 And Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

3. The proper response to the gospel is _____.

“Repent” [metanoeo] It means to change two things:

1. To change one’s mind.
2. To change one’s will.

Life Application: To repent in relation to salvation means to change one’s mind in relation to Jesus Christ and to act on it in belief.

A few questions:

A. Is repentance different than faith? _____

B. Is repentance adding works to the gospel? _____

HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS FORMED

Ephesians 2:8–9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Jesus would have been adding works too

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “REPENT, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

C. Repentance is not a human work, it is God’s _____ to bring about salvation.

2 Corinthians 7:9–10 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

D. Repentance is God’s _____ of grace.

HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS FORMED

Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.”

Acts 5:31 He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

E. It's a feature of God's _____ power.

John 6:36–39 “But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. 37 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 “This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

4. While repentance is not a work that earns salvation,

HOW THE LOCAL CHURCH WAS FORMED

salvation _____ in works of
repentance.

Matthew 3:8 Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

Ephesians 2:8–10 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

ANSWERS: preaching, conviction, convict, sin, righteousness, judgment, align, repentance, No, will, gift, drawing, results