

Some Great Things of Acts 2

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We wish at this time to mention at least seven great things which we find in Acts 2. We shall mention these things, as far as possible, in the order of their mention in this chapter.

I. A GREAT DAY — PENTECOST.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1).

Some of the reasons that made this a great day are given here:

- A. Pentecost fell on the first day of the week (Lev. 23:15-16).
- B. Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week (Mark 16:9).
- C. The church of Christ had its birthday on this Pentecost day, this first day of the week (Acts 2:47).
- D. The apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1-4). And every other event of Acts 2 occurred on the first day of the week.

II. A GREAT PLACE — JERUSALEM.

"They [the apostles, *et cetera*] were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1).
The place where they were was Jerusalem (Luke 24:49).

- A. Jerusalem was the chief city of the Jews.
- B. Jerusalem was the place where the apostles received power from on high (Luke 24:49).
- C. Jerusalem was the birthplace of the church of Christ.

III. A GREAT CROWD.

"Now when this was noised abroad the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6).

- A. The multitude was not yet assembled when the apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- B. The multitude came together afterward. It was a great crowd that assembled after they heard the apostles had received power from on high
- C. Some doubted (vv. 6-13).

IV. A GREAT SERMON ON FORGIVENESS.

- A. It was carefully pointed out by the inspired apostles that the Jews' salvation from sin could only come by obedience to the very Christ they crucified.
- B. Discuss Acts 2: 22-36.

V. A GREAT QUESTION.

- A. When the Jews heard how they had crucified the Savior of men, these words fell from their lips: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart., and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).
- B. Discuss.

VI. A GREAT ANSWER.

- A. The Jews having asked, "What shall we do?" received the following reply from the inspired apostle Peter: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Verse 38).
- B. I think we can easily notice that remission of sins comes after baptism, not before.

VII. GREAT RESULTS.

- A. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the some day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Verse 41).
- B. And be it remembered, too, that those who were baptized for the remission of sins did not stop there.
- C. It is said of them: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Verse 42).

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