

SEASONS OF DECISION!

Acts 2:22-47

INTRODUCTION: There are many decisions that must be made in our lives. We need to make a decision about our salvation and about allowing Jesus to be Lord of our lives. Today in our church service there could be one here trying to decide whether to obey the Lord or not in some area they know the Lord is asking them to make a choice. Acts 2:36-37. Faith is an action and the gospel requires action on our part. What is that action: Acts 2:38-41. The decision our God wants us to make is in our hearts!

I. REPROOF OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD!

The Holy Spirit will reprove your heart and show you your need: Acts 2:37. Have you been reproved by the Holy Spirit? John 6:44. It is our God who calls us and it is God who convicts us of our sin. Our God can call us through Scripture, a message, a song, a witness or an event in our lives. God will let you know that you need to be saved!

II. THE DECISION OF REPENTANCE FROM SIN!

When asked by the people what they should do Peter replied: repent! Acts 2:37-38. Repentance is a change of heart and a change of direction in our lives. In our relationship to God it means we were going away from Him and His will for our lives and now we are going toward Him and His will for our lives. Repentance is a change of Who is the boss of our lives. Jesus is not only called our Savior in Scripture but also our Lord! Romans 10:9-10, 13; Acts 16:31. Is Jesus the Lord of your life today? Luke 6:46-49.

III. THE DECISION OF RECEIVING OF THE SAVIOR!

Not only is there a need for repentance of sin and a reproof of the Spirit but there must also be a reception of the Savior. The gift of the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ Himself into our hearts. John 16:13-15. Has there ever been a time in your life when you personally received Jesus Christ into your heart? John 1:12-13; 1 John 3:24.

IV. THE DECISION OF OBIDENCE TO BAPTISM!

Acts 2:38. We are to be baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit because our sins have been forgiven, not to get our sins forgiven Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4. When a person repents, God forgives their sin. The word "baptize" means to bury. The word "baptize" means to plunge under. Baptism is a picture of dying to self, being buried, and then the resurrection to new life. Baptism is a command, not an option for the believing Christian. Baptism was the first act of all believers in the New Testament following their new faith in Jesus Christ.

V. THE DECISION OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP!

Acts 2:41-42; Acts 2:46-47. We need to become members of a local church for fellowship. We need to worship together: Acts 2:47. We come together for discipleship. Isaiah 33:6