

Acts 10:34-43 | The Apostolic Gospel

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WELCOME

A. TEXT & INTRO

34 Peter began to speak: “Now I truly understand that God [BHT, “judges all people by the same standard”], 35 but in every nation **the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable** to him. 36 He sent **the message** to the **Israelites**, proclaiming the **good news of peace through Jesus Christ**—he is **Lord of all**. 37 **You know the events** that took place throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee **after the baptism that John preached**: 38 how **God anointed Jesus** of Nazareth with **the Holy Spirit and with power**, and how he went about **doing good and healing** all who were under the **tyranny of the devil**, because God was with him. 39 We ourselves are **witnesses** of everything he did in both the Judean country and in Jerusalem, and yet **they killed him** by hanging him on a tree. 40 **God raised up this man** on the third day and caused him to be seen, 41 not by all the people, but by us whom God appointed as **witnesses**, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 **He commanded us to preach** to the people and to testify that **he is the one appointed by God to be the judge of the living and the dead**. 43 All **the prophets testify about him** that through his name **everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.**”

This is God’s word.

B. Recap

(Acts 11:18, CSB)

And they (the Jewish believers at Jerusalem) glorified God, saying, “So then, God has given **repentance resulting in life even to the Gentiles.**”

C. INTRO.

The apostolic message contains the same elements over and over and over.

When the apostles preach as Jesus commanded them to, they ALWAYS preach concerning

- **The positives and negatives of the coming Day of Judgement & Kingdom of God; the restoration of all things**
- **The Hope of the Messiah**
- **The Cross and repentance for the forgiveness of sins**
- **All confirmed as true by the gift of the Spirit & the resurrection of the Dead**

It's not always in that order, sometimes they're mixed together, and sometimes one element is emphasized more than others, but it's **these things** that come out of an apostle when you squeeze 'em, especially here with Peter.

D. GOOD NEWS OF PEACE TO ISRAEL & THE WORLD

36 He [Israel's God, Yahweh] sent **the message** to the **Israelites**, proclaiming the **good news of peace** through Jesus [Messiah]—he is Lord of all.

That phrase “good news of peace” comes from Isaiah. And when **Isaiah** speaks of “good news of peace”, it's concerning

- the city of Jerusalem;
- the city of the Great King,
- the city that,
- in Isaiah's day,
- is under attack and eventually sent into exile by the Assyrians.

That's the context for Isaiah's gospel announcement.

And beginning in **Isaiah 40** all the way to **Isaiah 66**, Isaiah prophecies that these sorts of things, ***Israel's rebellion bringing judgement and wicked gentile nations oppressing her***, will end.

And he says:

(Is 52:1, CSB)

Wake up, wake up; put on your strength, ***Zion!*** Put on your beautiful garments, ***Jerusalem, the holy city***...7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald, ***who proclaims peace***, who brings [ESV, ***“good news”***] who proclaims ***salvation***, who says to ***Zion***, “Your God reigns!” 8 The voices of your watchmen—they lift up their voices, shouting for joy together; for every eye will see ***when the LORD returns to Zion***. 9 Be joyful, rejoice together, you ruins of ***Jerusalem***! For the LORD has comforted his people; ***he has redeemed Jerusalem***. 10 The LORD has displayed his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; ***all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God***

Jesus is the **Isaiah 52 “Herald”** who, over and over and over through his words and deeds, He told the Israelite people,

“Yes, God’s covenant promises concerning Israel & the nations and heavens and the earth are reliable! They will come to pass. And they will come to pass through me!”

Though Jerusalem is not downtrodden and storm tossed, she will be healed.

And when Jerusalem is restored, blessed, & glorified, so will the whole earth be.

E. THE SPIRIT ANOINTED MESSIAH

36 He sent ***the message*** to the ***Israelites***, proclaiming the ***good news of peace through Jesus*** (the ?) [***Messiah***]***—he is Lord of all.***

37 ***You know the events*** that took place throughout all Judea beginning from Galilee ***after the baptism that John preached:*** ,

38 how **God anointed Jesus** of Nazareth with **the Holy Spirit and with power**, and how he went about **doing good and healing** all who were under the **tyranny of the devil**, because God was with him.

And what's he anointed by God and empowered by the Spirit to do?

Isaiah 11 lists several of them.

First he will do the things Peter just listed, doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the devil.

Then a shoot will grow from the stump of **Jesse** (Jesse, David's dad, Jesus comes from the line of David) and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

2 The **Spirit of the LORD will rest on him**—

What did Peter say? **"God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power."**

And what did Jesus do with it? The stuff Isaiah said He would do.

4 [NLT, "He will **give justice to the poor**"] and **execute justice for the oppressed** of the land.

But also, God's Messiah is anointed to execute the day of judgement and bring the restoration.

He (this Spirit anointed Son of David) will **strike the land with a scepter** from his mouth, and he will **kill the wicked** with a command from his lips. 5 Righteousness will be a belt around his hips; faithfulness will be a belt around his waist.

And when the Messiah executes the Day of judgement, the peace comes!

6 The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the goat.

The calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf will be together, and a child will lead them.

7 The cow and the bear will graze, their young ones will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle. 8 An infant will play beside the cobra's pit, and a toddler will put his hand into a snake's den.

9 They will not harm or destroy each other on **my entire holy mountain**, (the nations will be at peace, why?) for the land will be as **full of the knowledge of the LORD as the sea is filled with water**

10 **On that day** (the Day when the Messiah reigns from Mt. Zion) the root of Jesse will stand as a banner **for the peoples. The nations** will look to him (the Spirit anointed Messiah) for guidance, and his resting place (the temple of the lord and the throne of David in Jerusalem) will be glorious.

Jesus is God's chosen/anointed/appointed man to do this.

F. THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

42 **He commanded us to preach** to the people and to testify that **he** (Jesus, that Spirit Anointed Messiah) **is the one appointed by God to** (do what? What has Jesus been (Matt 28, been given all authority to do?)) **be the judge of the living and the dead.**

Jesus is the one Anointed by God to execute the Day of Judgment; to enact the Day of the Lord, which again, assumes what the prophets had said:

(Jer. 25:31, NIV)

... the LORD will bring **charges** against the nations; he will bring **judgment** on all mankind"

(Acts 17):

God now commands all people everywhere to repent, (Why?)³¹ because he has set **a day** when he is going to **judge the world** in righteousness **by** [?] **the man he has appointed.**

(Romans 2:3-10, CSB)

3 Do you think....that you will escape **God's judgment?** 4 Or do you despise the riches of his kindness, restraint, and patience, not recognizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? 5 Because of your hardened and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself (when?) in **the day of wrath**, when **God's righteous**

judgment is revealed. 6 [God] will **repay each one** according to his works; 7 **[BHT, “life in the age to come”]** to those who by persistence in doing good **seek glory, honor, and immortality**; 8 but wrath and anger to those who are **self-seeking** and disobey the truth while **obeying unrighteousness**.

(2 Tim. 4:8)

Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, **the righteous judge**, will award to me (When?) **on that Day**, and not only to me but also to all who have loved **his appearing**.

(1 Pe 4:5, CSB)

5 They will give an account to the one who stands **ready to judge the living and the dead**.

G. CONFIRMED BY THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

So the apostles say these things,

- that a day is coming
- when the Spirit Anointed King of Israel
- will come to judge

and they ground the reliability these claims in the fact that Jesus died, but then was raised.

39 We ourselves are **witnesses** of everything he did in both the Judean country and in Jerusalem, and yet **they killed him** by hanging him on a tree.

40 **God raised up this man** on the third day and **caused him to be seen**, 41 not by all the people, but by us whom God appointed as **witnesses**, who ate and drank with him **after he rose from the dead**.

(Ac 17:30–31, CSB)

30 ... God now commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has set a day when he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he has appointed. He has provided **proof of this** (that Jesus will indeed come again in judgement) to everyone (how?) **by raising him from the dead.**

That's the proof. Since God raised Jesus, He will be faithful to do everything else He said.

Apostolic preaching always grounds its confidence in the Risen Jesus

H. THE CROSS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

43 All **the prophets testify about him** that through his name **everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins.**

(Lk 24:46–47, CSB)

46The Messiah will **suffer** (cross) and rise from the dead the third day, 47 and **repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name** to all the nations

So there's a Day coming when this Spirit anointed king of Israel will come to earth with angels and fire to judge sin and sinners.

And that's bad news.

But the message of Jesus, the message of the apostles, is that you can,

- through repenting of your sins
- and placing your hope for a pardon on the Day of judgement
- in the cross, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
- you can, not inherit a Lake of Fire
- But inherit eternal life.

You can live forever.

You can be raised from the dead and experience the **"good news of peace"** prophesied by Isaiah, proclaimed by Peter, and guaranteed by Jesus.

That's how apostles preach h.

I. APPLICATION

1) The Message We're Believing?

2) The Message We're Preaching?