

# REPENTANCE & FAITH

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*(Heb 6:1 NIV) Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,*

# How Peter Preached the Gospel...

1. Jesus, who God affirmed with attesting miracles
2. Old Testament Prophecy showed God's plan
3. Fact of Jesus' death and resurrection
4. Personal witness of the resurrection
5. Their need to respond

# **Acts 17:16-34**

# 1.) Paul starts with who God is...

- God is their creator
- God isn't served by man
- God gives man what man needs
- God made from one man all
- God placed people in locations to seek Him
- God is near

## 2.) Paul quotes from their own authors

Let us begin with Zeus, whom we mortals never leave unspoken.

For every street, every market-place is full of Zeus.

Even the sea and the harbour are full of this deity.

Everywhere everyone is indebted to Zeus.

*For we are indeed his offspring...*

*(Aratus's Phaenomena 1-5).*

## 2.) Paul quotes from their own authors

They fashioned a tomb for thee, O holy and high one—  
The Cretans, always liars, evil beasts, idle bellies!  
But thou art not dead: thou livest and abidest forever,  
*For in thee we live and move and have our being.*

(Epimenides).

# Eternity in their hearts

*(Eccl 3:11 NIV) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*



### **3.) Paul shows them their folly**

*(Acts 17:29 ESV) Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.*

## **4.) He calls them to repent!**

*(Acts 17:30 ESV) The times of ignorance  
God overlooked, but now he commands all  
people everywhere to repent,*

## 5.) He warns them of the coming judgment

*(Acts 17:31 ESV) because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”*

# Point 1

There is no one formula .

## John 3:16

*(John 3:16 ESV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

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# First Importance

*(1 Cor 15:3-6 ESV) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.*

## Point 2

The Holy Spirit is involved

# The Holy Spirit

*(Luke 12:11-12 NIV) And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.*



# The Spirit

*(Rev 22:17 NIV) The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*

# Cooperate with the Spirit

*(John 16:8 NIV) When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:*

## Point 3

Different groups different results .

## A Few

*(Acts 17:34 ESV) But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.*

**3000!**

*(Acts 2:41 NIV) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

## Point 4

Bring closure .

# Call to respond

*(Acts 17:30 ESV) The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,*

# The importance of speaking

*(Rom 10:9-10 NIV) because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*



# **CONCLUSION**