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- Purpose: To explore the depth of Acts 2:38, emphasizing the call to holiness, the Oneness of God, and the urgency of preaching the true Gospel.
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 - Turning away from sin and toward God.
 - A change of heart and mind.
- B. Biblical Examples
 - The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32): A story of returning home.
 - King David’s repentance (Psalm 51): A heart crying out for mercy.
- C. Application
 - Personal reflection: What do we need to repent of today?
 - Call to action: Encourage the congregation to seek

genuine repentance.

II. The Importance of Baptism In the name of The Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins

A. Baptism in Jesus' Name for the remission of sins

- The essentiality and significance of being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 4:12).
- Death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

B. The Early Apostolic Pentecostal Church Acts 2.38

- Examples from Acts (Acts 8:12, Acts 10:47-48, Acts 19:5).

C. Application

- Encourage those who have not yet been baptized to take this vital step.
- Share testimonies of transformation through baptism.

III. Receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues .

A. The Promise of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues

- Acts 2:39: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off."

B. Evidence of the Holy Ghost is the sign of speaking

in tongues is the spirit of Adoption

- Speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4).
- Transformation in character and lifestyle (Galatians 5:22-23).

C. Application

- Invite the congregation to seek the Holy Ghost with fervor.
- Create an atmosphere for prayer and seeking.

IV. Holiness Within and Without

A. Holiness Defined

- Set apart for God's purposes (1 Peter 2:9).

B. Inner Holiness

- The importance of a pure heart (Matthew 5:8).
- Spiritual disciplines: prayer, fasting, and reading the Word.

C. Outer Holiness

- The impact of our actions and appearance (1 Timothy 2:9-10).
- Living as examples of Christ's love and righteousness.

D. Application

- Challenge the congregation to evaluate their lives for areas needing holiness.
- Encourage accountability within the church community.

V. Preaching the Old Paths

A. The Call to Return to the Foundations

- Jeremiah 6:16: “Ask for the old paths.”

B. Importance of Tradition

- Upholding the teachings of the Apostles (Acts 2:42).

C. Application

- Encourage the church to embrace and teach the fundamental truths of the faith.
- Share resources for further study of Apostolic doctrine.

VI. The Urgency of the Gospel

A. Woe is Me if I Preach Not the Gospel

- Understanding the weight of this statement (1 Corinthians 9:16).

B. The Great Commission

- Matthew 28:19-20: Our mandate to go and make disciples.

C. Application

- Challenge the congregation to share their faith with friends, family, and coworkers.
- Organize outreach events to spread the Gospel in the community.

VII. Tales and Parables for Illustration

A. The Farmer and the Weeds

- Metaphor for the necessity of confronting sin.

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- Encourage the congregation to reflect on these stories and their personal application.
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Conclusion

A. Recap of Key Points

- The importance of repentance, baptism, and receiving the Holy Ghost.
- The call to holiness within and without.
- The urgency of preaching the Gospel.

B. Final Challenge

- Encourage the congregation to commit to living out the Apostolic message.
- Invite them to respond in prayer, seeking God's empowerment to share His truth.

C. Closing Prayer

- Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost and a

renewed commitment to holiness and evangelism.

Additional Resources

- Apostolic Pentecostal old paths Books and Articles: List of recommended readings on Apostolic Pentecostal doctrine and holiness.
- Study Guides: Suggestions for Bible study groups focused on Acts and the Apostolic Pentecostal early church.
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This outline can be used as a guide for a sermon series, a teaching session, or a study group focused on the core tenets of Apostolic Pentecostal faith. May it inspire and challenge the hearts of all who read and hear it!

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VIII. Keeping It Apostolic Pentecostal

A. Embracing the Oneness of God

- Understanding the doctrine of the Oneness of God (Deuteronomy 6:4).
- Jesus as the manifestation of the One true God (Colossians 2:9).

B. The Apostolic Experience

- The importance of following the Apostolic model in worship, teaching, and community (Acts 2:42).
- Emphasizing the power of the Holy Ghost in the life of the believer.

C. Apostolic Lifestyle

- Living out the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles in our daily lives.
- The significance of community and fellowship among believers (Hebrews 10:25).

D. Application

- Encourage the congregation to deepen their understanding of Apostolic doctrine.
- Challenge them to live out their faith in every aspect of life, reflecting the teachings of the Apostles.

IX. The Role of the Church

A. The Church as the Body of Christ

- Understanding our identity as the Church (1 Corinthians 12:27).

B. The Purpose of the Church

- To equip the saints for ministry (Ephesians 4:12).
- To be a light in the community and a haven for the lost.

C. Application

- Encourage active participation in church ministries and outreach programs.
- Foster a spirit of unity and love within the church body.

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