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PULPIT COMMENTARY &
APOSTOLIC FOUNDATIONS

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The Signature Subjects of the Apostle's Doctrine

Acts 2:38; Deut 6:4

Opening Statement

The true Church of the living God was born on the Day of Pentecost (AD 33) when the Holy Spirit fell (Acts 2:1–4, 36–47). Peter's message told them what to do to be saved (Acts 2:36–41): repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Key Texts (verbally quoted)

- Acts 2:38 (KJV): “Then Peter said unto them, 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.”
- John 3:3–8 (KJV):³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.⁶ That which is born of the flesh is

flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Signature Subjects — Pulpit Notes + Supporting Scriptures

1. Repentance — a signature subject

- Pulpit note: Salvation begins with repentance; it is commanded and required.
- Key verses: Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; 2 Corinthians 7:10; Mark 1:15.

2. Water baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ (Jesus' Name baptism)

- Pulpit note: Apostolic practice in Acts is baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ.” It is tied to remission of sins and entrance into the church community.
- Key verses: Acts 2:38; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5; Romans 6:3–4; 1 Peter 3:21.
- See also the Great Commission context (Matthew 28:18–20) and Acts practice for application.

3. The baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire (with the evidence of speaking in tongues)

- Pulpit note: The promised endowment by the Father (Luke 24:49) is the baptism of the Holy Ghost; fire language is used by John (Matt 3:11; Luke 3:16). The New Testament links tongues as an initial evidence (Acts 2:1–4; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:1–7).

- Key verses: Acts 2:1–4, 38; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:1–6; Matthew 3:11; Luke 24:49; John 14:16–17.

4. Holiness (inner and outward) and separation from the world

- Pulpit note: Practical holiness—personal sanctification and separation from worldliness—is commanded for God’s people.

- Key verses: Leviticus 11–20 (holiness code); 1 Peter 1:15–16; Romans 12:1–2; 2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–7; Hebrews 12:14.

5. Operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit in the local assembly

- Pulpit note: The Spirit gives gifts for edification; they operate in the local church.

- Key verses: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; Romans 12:6–8; Ephesians 4:11–12.

6. The Fivefold Ministry as a signature doctrine

- Pulpit note: Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the equipping and edifying of the church until we attain unity and maturity.
- Key verses: Ephesians 4:11–13; Acts 1:20–26 (apostles); various NT examples.

7. Footwashing and Communion as ordinances/signature doctrines

- Pulpit note: Christ modeled footwashing as an example of humble service and commanded believers to observe the Lord’s Supper until He returns.
- Key verses: John 13:1–17 (footwashing, vv. 14–17); 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (Lord’s Supper); Acts 2:42 (breaking of bread).

8. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ — the rapture/coming at the end of the tribulation

- Pulpit note: The return of Christ for His saints occurs with His visible coming and is associated in Scripture with the close of the tribulation era (see Matthew 24:29–31). The rapture (catching up) is described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; timing is presented in Matthew 24 where the coming is “immediately after the tribulation” (Matt 24:29–31).

- Key verses: Matthew 24:29–31; Mark 13:24–27; Luke 21:25–28; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Revelation 19:11–16; Revelation 20:4–6.

9. The Apostolic model of Acts 2:42–47 — church life

- Pulpit note: The early church devoted themselves to apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer; they experienced signs, shared materially, and grew.

- Key verses: Acts 2:42–47; Acts 4:32–35; Acts 6:1–7.

10. The Fruit of the Spirit — signature doctrine of Christian character

- Pulpit note: The Spirit's presence produces Christlike fruit in believers; these fruits are both proofs and goals of the Spirit's work.

- Key verse: Galatians 5:22–23. (Listed in Greek with transliteration and meaning below.)

11. The church is Apostolic and Pentecostal — born on the Day of Pentecost

- Pulpit note: The Church was born on Pentecost when the promise of the Father was fulfilled; repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the Holy Ghost with tongues were the pattern Peter set forth.

- Key verses: Acts 2:1–4, 36–41; Acts 2:38–47.

Nine Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:8–10)

- Word of wisdom (logos sophias) — 1 Cor 12:8
- Word of knowledge (logos gnōseōs) — 1 Cor 12:8
- Faith (pistis) — 1 Cor 12:9
- Gifts of healings (charismata iamatōn) — 1 Cor 12:9
- Workings of miracles (energēmata dynamōn) — 1 Cor 12:10
- Prophecy (propheteia) — 1 Cor 12:10
- Discerning of spirits (diakrisis pneumatōn) — 1 Cor 12:10
- Divers kinds of tongues (glōssai) — 1 Cor 12:10
- Interpretation of tongues (hērmēneia glōssōn) — 1 Cor 12:10

The Fivefold Ministry (Ephesians 4:11–13)

- Apostles (apostoloi)
- Prophets (prophetai)
- Evangelists (euangelistai)
- Pastors (poimēnes) / shepherds
- Teachers (didaskaloi)

Footwashing and Communion

- Footwashing example & command: John 13:1–17 (esp. vv. 14–17)
- Lord’s Supper instituted and commanded: Luke 22:14–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26
- Early church practiced “breaking of bread”: Acts 2:42, 46

On “born of water and of the Spirit” (John 3:5)

- Pulpit note: Jesus teaches the necessity of being born of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom. Apostolic interpretation links this with repentance, water baptism and Spirit-baptism (see Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21).
- Cross references: John 3:3–8; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21.

Old Testament Allegories, Types, and
Shadows in Exodus & Leviticus
(blood, water, spirit — tabernacle plan)

- Brazen Altar / Burnt Offerings — animal sacrifice and blood (type of Christ’s atoning blood): Exodus 27:1–8; Leviticus 1–7; Leviticus 16.
- Blood applied for consecration and atonement

— Exodus 29; Leviticus 8; Leviticus 16 (Day of Atonement).

- Laver / Basin for washing — priests washed with water before service (type of ritual cleansing / baptismal symbolism): Exodus 30:17–21; Exodus 40:30–32.
- Anointing oil — the Spirit’s anointing (type of Holy Spirit): Exodus 30:22–33; Leviticus 8:12.
- Veil / Holy Place / Holy of Holies — separation and access through atonement (type of Christ’s work and Spirit’s presence): Exodus 26; Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9.
- Red heifer and water of purification — cleansing from defilement by water mixed with ashes (Numbers 19) — typology of cleansing by water/Spirit.
- Cleansing rites for leprosy — Leviticus 14 — blood, washing with water, anointing with oil, and offerings (type of restoration).
- Passover (blood on doorposts) — Exodus 12 (blood as deliverance from judgment, type of Christ’s blood).
- Israelites baptized into Moses by the sea/cloud (a historical-typal baptism): 1 Corinthians 10:1–2 (Paul’s comment).
- OT prophetic text: Ezekiel 36:25–27 (I will sprinkle clean water on you... put my Spirit within you) — explicit OT link of water + Spirit cleansing.

Additional Supporting Passages for Water + Blood + Spirit Connections

- Hebrews 9:11–14 (Christ’s blood purifies conscience)
- Titus 3:5 (saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost)
- 1 Peter 3:21 (baptism that now saves you — not the putting away of the filth of the flesh)
- 1 Corinthians 10:1–4 (baptized into Moses, drank spiritual Rock)
- Ezekiel 36:25–27 (clean water, new spirit)

Practical Pulpit Points for Application (short)

- Preach repentance as the start of salvation (Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19).
- Call people to be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:48; Acts 19:5).
- Seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:6).
- Teach holiness as a life of inward renewal and outward separation (1 Peter 1:15–16; Romans 12:1–2).
- Encourage the exercise of spiritual gifts for the edification of the local body (1 Cor 12; 14).
- Observe the ordinances: footwashing as humble

service, communion as remembrance (John 13; 1 Cor 11).

- Point the flock to the sure return of Christ and readiness (Matt 24; 1 Thess 4).

The Fruit of the Spirit — Greek Words,
Transliteration and English Meanings
(Galatians 5:22–23)

- ἀγάπη (agápē) — love
- χαρά (chara) — joy
- εἰρήνη (eirēnē) — peace
- μακροθυμία (makrothumia) — patience / longsuffering
- χρηστότης (chrēstotēs) — kindness / goodness of character
- ἀγαθωσύνη (agathōsynē) — goodness / moral excellence
- πίστις (pistis) — faith / faithfulness
- πραΰτης (prautēs) — meekness / gentleness
- ἐγκράτεια (enkrateia) — self-control / temperance
- (See Galatians 5:22–23; compare translations for nuance.)

Final Exhortation for Pulpit Preaching

Preach Acts and the Apostolic pattern: repentance, Jesus' Name baptism, and Spirit-baptism with the evidence of speaking in tongues and signs

accompanying (Acts 2:38–4:31; Acts 10; Acts 19).
Teach holiness, operate gifts, observe ordinances,
and live the fruit of the Spirit. Make Scripture the
authority and lead people to the saving pattern
exhibited by the apostles on the Day of Pentecost.

A RETURN TO APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

In a time of confusion and compromise, God is calling His people back to the original pattern established by the Apostles.

This powerful booklet presents a clear, Bible-based exposition of the Apostles' Doctrine. As preached on the day of Pentecost and practiced throughout the book of Acts. With concise pulpit commentary, scripture references, and doctrinal clarity, this work serves as both a teaching tool and a call to spiritual alignment.

DISCOVER THE APOSTOLIC PATTERN

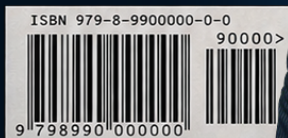
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EPHESIANS 4:5



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