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# The Apostolic Pentecost — Jesus' Name Acts 2:38 Church

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## Introduction: Why This Booklet

God is calling His people back to the Apostles' Doctrine. The apostolic message is the one foundation (Ephesians 2:20–22). We must stop dividing and subtracting from that doctrine. This booklet sets forth plainly, in Scripture, what the Apostolic Pentecost — Jesus' Name Acts 2:38 Church — believes and practices. It is written to call saints to unity in the Apostolic truth and to warn those who would embrace false foundations.

## The Foundation: One Lord — One Faith — One Baptism

Scripture declares there is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism (Ephesians 4:4–6). That oneness is not optional; it is essential to the Church's identity.

- Ephesians 4:4–6 (KJV): “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all...”
- Ephesians 2:20–22 (KJV): “And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building... groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord.”

The apostles' foundation is the measuring rod.  
Anything contrary is a faulty foundation.

## The Apostles' Doctrine: Acts 2:36–42 Explained

The Apostles' Doctrine is the early church pattern of repentance, baptism, teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer.

- Acts 2:36–42 (KJV) records Peter's preaching, the response of the crowd, and the birth of the Church:
- Acts 2:36: "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly..."
- Acts 2:37–42: conviction, repentance, baptism in Jesus' name for remission of sins, receiving the Holy Ghost, and continued steadfastness in the apostles' doctrine.

Acts 2 is the blueprint. We must not subtract from it, nor add other systems that replace it.

Acts 2:38 — The Plan of Salvation Given to Mankind

Acts 2:38 is central to Apostolic doctrine:

- 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."

This is the Biblical pattern for entrance into the New Covenant community. It calls for:

- Repentance (a turning from sin),
- Baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ (as taught and practiced by the apostles),
- Receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:38 is not one option among many; it is the apostolic prescription for salvation given in the Book of Acts.

The Evidence of Pentecost:  
Baptism with the Holy Ghost and  
Speaking in Tongues

When the promise of the Father is received (Luke 24; Acts 1–2), the Scripture shows the believers received the Holy Ghost with the sign of speaking in tongues.

- Acts 2:4 (KJV): “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”
- Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:1–6 show the Holy Ghost falling with evidence similar to Acts 2.

The speaking in tongues is the scriptural sign given to confirm the reception of the Holy Ghost in the apostolic era and continues as the evidence in

Apostolic practice.

The Church:  
Fellowship, Not Denomination — The  
Sovereign Bride and Body

We are a fellowship of the one sovereign Church — the Bride of Christ, the one Body — not a member of a man-made denomination.

- Ephesians 1–5 describes the Church as Christ’s body and bride.
- Acts 2:42 (KJV): “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

We are called to be a holy people, set apart from worldly systems and the compromises of denominationalism. Our unity is in the Apostles’ Doctrine and in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Fivefold Ministry and Apostolic Government

The New Testament establishes a fivefold ministry (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers) to equip the saints and build the body (Ephesians 4:11–16). Apostolic governance restores the authority and order the early church walked in.

- Ephesians 4:11–13 (KJV): Ministers given “for the perfecting of the saints... till we all come... unto a perfect man.”

Apostolic leadership protects doctrine, preserves unity, and maintains holiness.

Separation:  
Holiness Within and Without —  
Coming Out of Babylon

Scripture commands separation from spiritual corruption and false religious systems.

- Revelation 18:4 (KJV): “Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins...”
- 2 Corinthians 6:14–18 stresses separation from the unbeliever’s yoke.

We must be holy in heart and life, separated from worldly entanglements and religious systems that deny the apostolic way. This includes refusing fellowship with movements that compromise on the apostles’ doctrine or promote a different gospel.

Warnings Against Division,  
Denominationalism, and Trinitarianism

Division is a cancer to the body of Christ. Yet false

teaching and additions to the apostles' doctrine must be refused.

- Acts 4:12 (KJV): “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
- John 3:3–8 (KJV) teaches being born again of water and Spirit.
- Revelation warns of the spiritual captivity of Babylon and the need to come out.

We stand against religious systems that change the apostolic ordinance or obscure the centrality of Jesus' name baptism and the Pentecostal experience. The rejection of apostolic teachings leads souls away from the life God intends.

### How to Come In: Repentance, Baptism in Jesus' Name, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

If you desire to come into the fellowship of the Apostolic Pentecost, follow the pattern of the Book of Acts:

#### 1. Repent:

- Acts 2:37–38 — be convicted, confess sin, and turn away from it.

## 2. Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ:

- Acts 2:38 — be baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of sins (by immersion, according to the apostolic pattern).

## 3. Receive the Holy Ghost:

- Pray for and expect the promise of the Father; receive the Holy Ghost with the sign of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 19:1–6).

## Continue in the Apostles' Doctrine and Fellowship:

- Acts 2:42 — be steadfast in teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer.

### Practical Steps for Personal and Corporate Holiness

- Daily personal prayer and Bible study (centered on the apostles' doctrine).
- Regular corporate worship with apostolic order and teaching.
- Accountability within the fellowship and oversight by recognized apostolic leadership.
- Separation from denominational compromises and ecumenical alliances that dilute the apostolic message.

- Faithful financial stewardship and generosity in gospel work.
- Active evangelism: preaching Acts 2:38 and demonstrating Pentecost power.

## Closing Charge and Prayer

Beloved, the Lord has given us an apostolic pattern. We must hold fast to the doctrine once delivered to the saints. We must quit dividing and subtracting from the body of Christ. Walk in holiness, unity, and apostolic order. Preach the whole counsel of God. Call men and women to repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the fullness of the Holy Ghost.

### Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the apostles' doctrine and for the pattern You set forth in the Book of Acts. Give us boldness to preach repentance, to baptize in the name of Jesus Christ, and to seek continuously the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Lord, bring Your people out of confusion and compromise; establish us in the one body and one Bride. Keep us faithful to Your Word and holy in conduct. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Appendix: Key Scriptures (KJV)

- Acts 2:36–42

- Acts 2:38
- Acts 2:4
- Acts 4:12
- Acts 10:44–46
- Acts 19:1–6
- John 3:3–8
- Ephesians 2:20–22
- Ephesians 4:4–6, 11–13
- Revelation 18:4
- 2 Corinthians 6:14–18

### Final Note

This booklet is presented as an apostolic summons to unity, holiness, and adherence to the apostles' doctrine.

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