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Scripture Reading: Acts 2:38 — “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.”

## Introduction

Brothers and sisters, we stand as an Apostolic Pentecostal people called to preach and live the Message of the Hour. Acts 2:38 is not a relic — it is the living plan God gave His Church. Tonight we declare plainly: the baptismal command is in the NAME of JESUS CHRIST — and to baptize using the titles “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” is wrong because those are titles, not the saving Name. The Name of the Father is Jesus. The Name of the Son is Jesus. The Name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus. This is the testimony of the apostles and the pattern God has given us to save, identify, and empower His people.

### 1. Repent — The First Necessity

Peter began with repentance. Repentance is a God-given change of mind that results in a changed life. Genuine repentance turns us from sin to Jesus. It is personal, immediate, and continual. No one may skip this step and claim the promise of Acts 2:38.

### 2. Baptism — In the Name of Jesus Christ Only

God’s ordinance is clear and apostolic: be baptized in

the NAME of JESUS CHRIST. Listen carefully:

- “Father,” “Son,” and “Holy Ghost” are titles that describe the relationship and work of God, but they are not the saving Name to be invoked in baptism.
- The apostles baptized in the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ . Scripture shows the believers called on the Name of Lord Jesus Christ and were baptized in that Name.
- The Name Jesus is the Name of divine authority, redemption, and revelation — it is the Name the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost bear. To baptize in any other formula separates obedience from the apostles’ practice.
- Therefore, baptism must be performed in the Name of Lord JESUS CHRIST only. This is not merely a preference — it is obedience to the apostolic pentecostal pattern and the Lord’s command for identification with Lord Jesus Christ.

## 1. For the Remission of Sins — God’s Promise to the Obedient

When the penitent obeys and is baptized in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ , the remission of sins is applied. Baptism here is the divinely appointed act that seals God’s forgiveness when met with faith and repentance.

## 2. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire —

## Power with Evidence

Acts 2:38 includes the promise: “and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” The New Testament presents this baptism as both baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire. This baptism:

- Imparts power for bold witness and holy living.
- Purifies and empowers the Church.
- Has an initial, Scriptural evidence: speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The early Church consistently testified to this — it is our expectation and experience.
- This baptism is necessary for the fullness of New Testament Christian experience and witness.

### 1. The Oneness of the Godhead — Jesus Is the Name of God’s Manifestation

We hold to the oneness truth: God is one, manifest in Jesus Christ. The Father is revealed in the Son, the Son is God manifested in the flesh, who is known and revealed in the Name of Jesus. This is why we invoke the Name of Jesus in baptism: because in Jesus the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily.

### Why This Is the Message of the Hour

- It is Apostolic: it follows the teaching and practice of the apostles.
- It is Pentecostal: it expects the baptism with the

Holy Ghost and fire and the evidence of tongues.

- It is urgent: souls must repent, obey baptism in Jesus' Name, and receive the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues for the Church to be purified and empowered as the Bride.
- The Message of the Hour is and can only come from the Apostolic Pentecostal Bride Message Church. We are an Acts 2:38 Jesus Name Church — a Message Church that proclaims repentance, baptism in the NAME OF Lord JESUS CHRIST only, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This is the exclusive apostolic pattern given to the Church until Christ returns.

## Practical Application — What You Must Do Now

- Repent now. Confess and forsake your sins; turn fully to Jesus.
- If you have not been baptized in the NAME OF Lord JESUS CHRIST, obey God's command. Do not delay. There is no other scriptural baptismal formula that fulfills the apostles' pattern.
- Seek the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues . Ask, pray, and expect God to baptize you with power, with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

## A Clear Invitation

If God is speaking to you now — come. If you need to repent, come. If you need to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, come and obey. If you have not yet received the Holy Ghost with the evidence of other tongues, bow your head and seek Him now. We are a Message Church of the Apostolic Pentecostal Faith — Acts 2:38 is our banner and burden.

## Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your clear Word. Forgive us where we have compromised. Help us to stand fast in the Name of Jesus. Give us boldness to preach the Message of the Hour: repent, be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, and receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. Fill Your people now; burn away what is unholy and empower us to be a spotless Bride. In the Name of Jesus, amen.

May Acts 2:38 be our watchword until He comes: Repent. Be baptized in the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. Receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire — with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. This is the Message of the Hour.

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