



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

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Have you ever heard the forward-looking phrase, “You can’t get there from here.”? I’m sure you have. But let’s say we turn it around into a backward-looking version; “You did get here from there!” And that will make much more sense as soon as we define ‘here’ and ‘there’ and ‘where,’ especially when you recognize how critical it is to get to the correct ‘here!’ In other words, if ‘where’ we are right now is the incorrect ‘here,’ it must be because we didn’t know ‘where’ the proper ‘there’ was. And when we travel into the past and look back ‘there,’ you must consider this all-important truth: our ‘there’ was their ‘here.’

‘Here’ is ‘where’ they were in the first century, shortly after Y’shua ascended into the clouds. But, how did they get ‘there,’ if ‘there’ is ‘where’ they were supposed to be at that prophetic moment in history? And maybe even more critical than that, if that is even possible, is this. ‘Here’ we are two thousand years later in our ‘here.’ How did we get ‘here’ and are we ‘where’ we are supposed to be? And that brings to mind another phrase I’m sure you’ve heard; “You don’t know ‘where’ you’re going, if you don’t know ‘where’ you’ve been.” In other words, you can’t get proper directions if you don’t know where you are! Framed as a question it sounds like this; “How can you know ‘where’ to go if you don’t know ‘where’ you are or even ‘where’ you’ve been?”

Here is some data to plug into the mishmash of ‘here’ and ‘there’ and ‘where.’ In the first century the ‘here’ was “It was Pentecost and they were all in one place in one accord.” The ‘there’ was, “Three times per year you must make your way to Jerusalem for the feast,” and this was one of those times. The ‘where’ was, “Standing near the Temple waiting for a promise to be fulfilled.” Today oftentimes, the ‘here’ is, “Everyone follows the dictates of his own heart.” The ‘there’ is, “You do err not knowing the Scriptures.” And the ‘where’ is that, “You have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.”

What must happen now, in order to change the ‘here’ we are right now, in order to arrive ‘where’ we are destined to go, which is “there is one body and one Spirit”? That is the question we must answer today as this ongoing story continues...

PROPHETIC SEED:

*““But when **the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you** from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.” John 15:26-27 NKJV*

““I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” John 16:12-13 NKJV

“Behold, **I send the Promise of My Father upon you;** but tarry in the city of Jerusalem **until you are endued with power from on high.**”” Luke 24:49 NKJV

“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, **but to wait for the Promise of the Father,** “which,” He said, “**you have heard from Me;** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**”” Acts 1:4-5 NKJV

“But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8 NKJV

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not **go away [the Ascension],** the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” John 16:7 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up,** and a cloud received Him out of their sight.” Acts 1:9 NKJV

“And **suddenly** there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:2-4 NKJV

“But **this is what was spoken** by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, **That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;** Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:16-17 NKJV

FINAL COUNTDOWN

1. A new era is about to begin...

A. Final Instructions

(1) Prologue (Acts 1:1-3)

(a) For forty days after the resurrection...

1. “The **former account** I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by **many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days** and speaking of the things **pertaining to the kingdom** of God.” Acts 1:1-3 NKJV

(2) The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8)

(a) Don't Leave Jerusalem—this is where it will happen!

1. “And being assembled together with them, **He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father,** “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the **Holy Spirit not many days from now.**”” Acts 1:4-5 NKJV

2. Luke reiterates what he reported at the end of his Gospel... *“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but **tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**”* Luke 24:49 NKJV

(b) The Upper Room Discourse and the PROMISE of the Holy Spirit!

1. *““If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, **for He dwells with you and will be in you.** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”* John 14:15-18 NKJV
2. *““But **when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.** And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”* John 15:26-27 NKJV
3. *““But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you;** but if I depart, **I will send Him to you.** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. **“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears **He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that **the Father has are Mine.** Therefore **I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**”* John 16:5-15 NKJV

(c) They stayed around the city and the next recorded time they came together was on the Mount of Olives.

1. *“Therefore, **when they had come together**, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, **will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”** And He said to them, **“It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.** But **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””* Acts 1:6-8 NKJV
2. **Again, from the Last Supper they heard:** *“But **when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.** And **you also will bear witness**, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”* John 15:26-27 NKJV
3. **And they were assigned:** *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”* John 17:17-19 NKJV

(3) Y’shua Ascends to Heaven (Acts 1:9-11)

(a) After He tells them that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them.

1. *“Now when **He had spoken these things**, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This***

same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will so come in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11 NKJV

2. “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man **coming on the clouds** of heaven with power and great glory.” Matthew 24:30
3. “Behold, He is **coming with clouds**, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.” Revelation 1:7 NKJV
4. “Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds** to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” I Thessalonians 4:17 NKJV
5. “And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. **Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem** with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.” Luke 24:50-53 NKJV

B. Final Preparation

(1) The Upper Room Gathering (Acts 1:12-14)

(a) Back to the city....

1. “**Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet**, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. And **when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying**: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. **These all continued with one accord** in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” Acts 1:12-14 NKJV

(2) Shift in Location: A New Disciple Matthias is to Replace Judas (Acts 1:15-26)

(a) The story of Judas...

1. “**And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples** (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, “**Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David** concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.” (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) “**For it is written in the Book of Psalms**: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’” Acts 1:15-20 NKJV

(b) We need to replace Judas...

1. ““Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, **one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.**” And **they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.** And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two **You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship** from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” And **they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**” Acts 1:21-26 NKJV

2. It's go time!

A. Ground Zero

(1) **The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)**

(a) It's time! It is now tens days after Y'shua ascended!

1. "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And **suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided **tongues, as of fire**, and one sat upon each of them. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**" Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

(2) Pentecost Highlights! (See full Pentecost teaching in [One Accord in One Place](#))

(a) Pentecost (the Feast of Weeks): A pilgrimage feast!

1. "**Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the **Feast of Weeks [Shavuot]**, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed." Deuteronomy 16:16

(b) Finding Pentecost

1. **First find Firstfruits:** "'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: '**When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest**, then you shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.'" Leviticus 23:10-11 NKJV
2. **Then find Pentecost:** "'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you **brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths** shall be completed. Count fifty days to **the day after the seventh Sabbath**; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. Leviticus 23:15-16
3. "In the **third month** after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai." Exodus 19:1
4. "Then it came to pass **on the third day**, in the morning, that there **were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain**; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled." Exodus 19:16
5. "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came **a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." Acts 2:1-2 NKJV

(3) Tongues

(a) What was the "other tongues" spoken when the Holy Spirit filled the disciples?

1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**" Acts 2:4 NKJV

(b) In this first instance in Acts, the gift is not a different tongue spoken but rather what the hearers heard.

1. "*Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?*" Acts 2:7-8 NKJV

- (c) Why was the gift necessary in that prophetic moment?
1. *"There were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, **from every nation** under heaven."* Acts 2:5 NKJV
- (d) Not all Tongues are the same... *"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."* I Corinthians 12:4 NKJV
1. *"...to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues**. But **one and the same Spirit** works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."* I Corinthians 12:10-11
 2. *"And God has appointed these in the church: ...**varieties of tongues**. ...**Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?**"* I Corinthians 12:28, 30 NKJV
- (e) Another Type of Tongues (with a different purpose).
1. *"Likewise **the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses**. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered**. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of **the Spirit is, because He makes intercession** for the saints according to the will of God."* Romans 8:26-27 NKJV
- (f) This prayer language is not meant for others to hear UNLESS certain conditions exist!
1. *"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. **For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries**. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. **He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself**, but he who prophesies edifies the church. **I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied**; for he who prophesies is greater than **he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.**"* I Corinthians 14:1-5 NKJV
- (g) And that is why God gives us guidelines for the use of Tongues...
1. *"But now, brethren, **if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation**, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching? Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes **an uncertain sound**, who will prepare for battle? **So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air**. There are, it may be, **so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance**. Therefore, **if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me**. Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, **let it be for the edification of the church** that you seek to excel. **Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret**. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? **I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding**. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. **Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen"** at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? **For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified**. **I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding**, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue."* I Corinthians 14:6-19 NKJV
- (h) One sign of maturity in your understanding is to see tongues as...**a sign!**

1. "Brethren, **do not be children in understanding**; however, in malice be babes, **but in understanding be mature**. In the law it is written [**Isaiah 28:11-12*]: **"With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers**; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. **Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?** But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you." I Corinthians 14:20-25 NKJV
2. "For **with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people**, To whom He said, *"This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing";* **Yet they would not hear.**" Isaiah 28:11-12 NKJV

(i) Tongues: the Conclusion!

1. "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a **tongue**, has a revelation, has **an interpretation**. **Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.**" I Corinthians 14:26-28 NKJV
2. *"For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."* I Corinthians 14:33 NKJV
3. *"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."* Acts 2:4 NKJV

(4) Initial Response to the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:5-13)

(a) Initial Explanation

1. **"And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because **everyone heard them speak in his own language**. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, **"Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language** in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—**we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.**" So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."" Acts 2:5-13 NKJV

MISSION COORDINATES

3. The critical importance of starting off in the right direction...

A. Initial Explanation

(1) Peter's Sermon (Acts 2:14-39)

(a) Heed my words

1. “But Peter, **standing up with the eleven**, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and **heed my words**. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.” Acts 2:14-15 NKJV

(b) Prophecy

1. “But **this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel [Joel 2:28-32]**: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. **The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.** And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.’” Acts 2:16-21 NKJV
2. “For *“whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* Romans 10:13
3. **“Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.**”* Malachi 4:4-5 NKJV
4. Y’shua read... *““The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; **To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Then He closed the book**, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, **“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**”* Luke 4:18-21 NKJV
5. Y’shua omitted... *““The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, **And the day of vengeance of our God...**”* Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

(c) What Joel said that Peter did not (excerpts from Joel 2:1-27).

1. “**The earth quakes before them**, The heavens tremble; **The sun and moon grow dark**, And the stars **diminish** their brightness.” Joel 2:10 NKJV
2. “**Blow the trumpet in Zion**, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; **Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.**” Joel 2:15-16 NKJV

(d) And this is where it really begins to blend into that to which Peter was referring!

1. “Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you **the former rain faithfully**, And He will **cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.**” Joel 2:23 NKJV
2. “*You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered **from your threshing floor and from your winepress.**”* Deuteronomy 16:13 NKJV

3. "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also **has sealed us** and given us the Spirit in our hearts **as a guarantee** *[earnest of the Spirit-KJV]*." II Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV
 4. "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the **Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance** *[the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance—NIV]* until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory." Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV
- (e) Back to Peter's words in Acts!
1. "'Men of Israel, **hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth**, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— Him, **being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God**, you have **taken by lawless hands**, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, **having loosed the pains of death**, because it was not possible that He should be held by it." Acts 2:22-24 NKJV
 2. "So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written *[Hosea 13:14]: "Death is swallowed up in victory."* **"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"** The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**" I Corinthians 15:54-57 NKJV
- (f) Then Peter moves on in his explanation to David's words in the Psalm 16:8-11.
1. "For David says concerning Him [Psalm 16:8-11]: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, **Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.** You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'" Acts 2:25-28 NKJV
- (g) Peter then explains Psalm 16:8-11!
1. "'Men and brethren, **let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.** Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, **nor did His flesh see corruption.** This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear." Acts 2:29-33 NKJV
- (h) You see, David was not talking about himself!
1. "'For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself [Psalm 110:1]: **'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."**' "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.'" Acts 2:34-36 NKJV

B. Initial Instructions

- (1) Repent and be baptized (Acts 2:37-39)
 - (a) What shall we do?

1. "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**" Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."" Acts 2:37-39 NKJV

C. Initial Response

(1) The Church Takes Off (Acts 2:40-47)

(a) Three thousand souls were added!

1. "And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "**Be saved from this perverse generation.**" Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand souls were added** to them. And **they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers**. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had **all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need**. So continuing daily **with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:40-47 NKJV

D. To be continued... Here—There—Where: the tale of two destinations

(1) OPTION ONE: The Wrong Here, There, and Where

(a) **Here:** "Everyone follows the dictates of his own heart."

1. "so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, **whose heart turns away today from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods** of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, **even though I follow the dictates of my heart**'—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober." Deuteronomy 29:18-19 NKJV
2. "Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; **They speak a vision of their own heart**, Not from the mouth of the Lord. They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "**You shall have peace**" '; **And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'** "" Jeremiah 23:16-17
3. "But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. **And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you**, that it may be well with you.' {24} Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, **but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.**" Jeremiah 7:23-24 NKJV
4. "And the Lord said, "Because **they have forsaken My law** which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, **but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals**, which their fathers taught them,"" Jeremiah 9:13-14 NKJV

(b) **There:** "You do err not knowing the Scriptures."

1. "Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, **not knowing the Scriptures** nor the power of God."
Matthew 22:29 NKJV

(c) **Where:** "You have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition."

1. "then he need not honor his father or mother.' **Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.**" Matthew 15:6 NKJV
2. "Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, **Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**' "" Matthew 15:7-9 NKJV

(2) OPTION TWO: The Correct Here, There, and Where

(a) **Here:** "It was Pentecost and they were all in one place in one accord."

1. ""I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, **when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:12-13 NKJV

(b) **There:** "Three times per year you must make your way to Jerusalem for the feast"

1. "And **there are also many other things** that Jesus did, which **if they were written one by one**, I suppose that even **the world itself could not contain** the books that would be written. Amen." John 21:25 NKJV

(c) **Where:** "Standing near the Temple waiting for a promise to be fulfilled."

1. "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; **clearly you are an epistle of Christ**, ministered by us, **written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God**, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart." II Corinthians 3:1-3 NKJV

(3) HOW TO GET THERE? The Power of Unity!

(a) One place in One accord—to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

1. "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring **to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

(b) Get unified!

1. "Behold, how **good and how pleasant** it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1 NKJV
2. **Unity got them to the right place at the right time!** "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were **all with one accord in one place.**" Acts 2:1 NKJV
3. **Unity will keep us going in the right direction!** "**So continuing daily with one accord** in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47 NKJV