

**Acts 2:38 is the New Covenant** or Testament. The New Testament Plan of Salvation began at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. 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. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves** from this untoward generation."

Peter was not speaking in parables on the day of Pentecost, but speaking plainly the mysteries of God. Are you able to hear what God is saying to you or are you so bound by tradition, unbelief, and sin that you too will reject the saving Name of Jesus in baptism. Jesus said that no man can come unto God the Father but by him. That is one of the many reasons why we must be baptized into the Name of JESUS. That is how we prove to God and unto the world that we have come to God through his Son Jesus Christ. If we reject the Power of Jesus Name in baptism, we have denied Jesus. And if we deny Jesus, he will also deny us before his Father which is in heaven. Matthew 10:33. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not names. They are titles. God wants us to use the name JESUS, not titles. Titles are Satan's plan.

There are many gods and lords and powers and principalities in heaven and in the world, but only one goes by the name of JESUS. He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Paul says to the church in, I Corinthians 6:11, "but ye are **washed**, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified **in the name of the Lord Jesus**, and by the Spirit of our God," and again in Colossians 3:17, Paul admonishes, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the **name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Can it be anymore clearer than that? God wants us to get baptized in the Name of Jesus for the remission of our sins. That is how we give glory to God through his Son. If we reject Jesus's saving name in baptism, then we have rejected him as our Saviour.

This is not Good. For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galations 3:27, "For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." We take the name of Jesus in baptism and are espoused to Him. Jesus is coming back for a church called by his name.

When Jesus told Peter that he gave the Keys of the Kingdom to him he was speaking of the baptism of repentance in the name of Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. That is why Peter had to be present when salvation went to the Jews, the Samaritans, and the Gentiles. That is why on those three occasions Peter had to be present and why on those three occasions it explains in detail what was said and done. On the day of Pentecost Peter preached to the Jews and told them specifically to get baptized in the name of Jesus and they would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Scripture tells us that three thousand souls received his message and were baptized that day. When Phillip went down to Samaria in Acts chapter 8, he preached the name of Jesus and the Kingdom of God. The whole city believed and got baptized in the **name of the Lord Jesus**. Only thing is, no one got the Holy Ghost. That could not happen without Peter being present. So they sent for Peter and John and when they came down and prayed for them and laid hands on them they received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

God also chose Peter to go to the house of one Cornelius, the first Gentile to be saved. When he came to Cornelius' household he preached Jesus and the power of Jesus name to remit sins. While he was preaching these things God poured out the Holy Ghost on Cornelius and his household. Peter knew they had received the Holy Ghost because they all spoke with tongues and magnified God. Then Peter commanded them to be baptized in the **name of Jesus Christ**. Acts 10:48

Once Peter was present on those three different occasions with the three different groups of

people that Jesus had spoken of, the door of salvation had been open to all peoples of the World.

We also have another group of people that had to be baptized in the name of Jesus. They were the disciples of John the Baptist who had to be rebaptized in the name of Jesus after the day of Pentecost. This is described in Acts Chapter 19:1-6. "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

We can clearly see to what great extent the scripture has gone to show us how important it is that we be baptized in the name of Jesus. That is how we get into Christ. By being baptized into his Name. We are buried into His death by baptism. That is why it must be in His Name. We become a member of the Body of Christ, of his flesh and of his bones, when we are baptized into him through the name of Jesus. Ephesians 5:30. The circumcision of the New Testament is baptism in the Name of Jesus. Col. 2:11-12. We are circumcised in Him. We are set free from the law of Moses by being baptized in the name of Jesus. We become a part of the priesthood of Jesus, who is our High Priest, made an High priest after the order of Melchizedek, by being baptized in the Name of Jesus. We become the Sons of God by being baptized into the name of Jesus who is the only begotten Son of God.

May God bless you to understand the mysteries of His Kingdom. By Charles G. Marlowe 9/2009