

## **STUDIES IN ACTS**

### **Lesson 6**

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## **THE BEGINNING (PART IV)**

**Acts 2:37-47**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. The witness in Jerusalem 1:1--6:7**

##### **A. The expectation of the chosen 1:1--2:47**

###### **1. The introduction 1:1-5**

###### **2. The internment at Jerusalem 1:6-26**

###### **3. The inception of the Church 2:1-47**

###### **a. The descent of the Holy Spirit 2:1-13**

###### **b. The discourse of Peter 2:14-40**

#### **Outline of Peter's message:**

##### **1. This is the fulfillment of prophecy 2:15-21**

##### **2. Jesus is the Messiah 2:22-32**

##### **3. Jesus, the glorified Messiah has sent the Holy Spirit 2:33-36**

##### **4. Application 2:37-40**

###### **v. 37 The response**

###### **v. 38 Note various views of this verse**

**---Necessity of baptism (i.e. "Be baptized to receive remission of your sins")**

**---"for" means "on the basis of" (i.e. "Be baptized on the basis of [because of] the remission of your sins")**

**---"and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" is parenthetical**

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**NB. All who believe receive the Holy Spirit**

**v. 39 "those who are far off"**

**v. 40 Judgment on Israel!**

**c. A description of the first church 2:41-47**

**v. 41**

**v. 42 Four activities or two?**

**v. 43 "apostles"**

**vv. 44-45 This is not "Christian socialism" because:**

**Why were they living off their assets?**

**vv. 46-47 NB. "in the temple" and "house to house"**

**v. 47 Progress report**

**Conclusion and application**