

A Message by Pastor Michael Palmer  
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## **ACTS 2 THE GOSPEL: STILL CUTTING OUR HEARTS TODAY!**

### **JESUS IS MESSIAH- LORD AND CHRIST**

#### **JESUS IS GOD**

- God the Father anointed Him for the task from eternity
- God raised Him up

#### **WE (I/AM) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH**

- We are depraved sinners
- Our fleshly nature is totally corrupt- unable to be reformed
- We were all without any hope

#### **JESUS' DEATH WAS A PAYMENT FOR OUR SINS**

- Jesus bore the wrath, the judgment we (I) deserved
- Propitiation= a sacrifice that bears God's wrath and turns it into favor

### **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SIN (WE HELPED CRUCIFY JESUS!) MUST BE ACCEPTED IN ORDER TO BE SAVED**

### **TRUE CONVICTION OF SIN WILL RESULT IN REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

- They were "cut to the heart".
- They "received his word" and were baptized.
- There was (and is) a willingness to obey.
- This is intensely PERSONAL and overwhelming POWERFUL but is NOT PRIVATE!

### **HOW SWEET IS THE GOSPEL TO YOU TODAY?**

- Is anybody's heart still "being cut"?
- Is there still a willingness to trust and obey "what shall we do"?
- If you are born again this means you will have conviction of sin and can never rest in your old way of life. You are changed.

### **IF WE ARE GOSPEL PEOPLE OUR LIVES WILL BE ALL ABOUT JESUS!**

- A continual gladness that we do not have to face wrath- we never get over being forgiven
- We will have a burden for others to come to Jesus
- The understanding of the Gospel throughout life will permeate all of our lives- everything will be re-oriented to promote, reflect, and integrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ into our lives.
- THIS IS NOT A SIT AND SOAK CHRISTIANITY; IT IS A RADICAL CALL TO BE CRAZY FOR JESUS IN THE VERY DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART, MIND AND SOUL- EVERYTHING!
  - You will serve
  - You will witness
  - You will read
  - You will pray
  - You must go
  - You want to give

God is doing something in our lives here at Green Ridge. God is doing something in my life. My physical strength is not what is used to be- but I pray the Lord will use me for His Gospel- make it clear- no "mamsi pambasi" but a bloody cross that CUTS MY HEART and DEMANDS EVERYTHING I AM!

Will you go with me?