

Can You Change?

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It is amazing to me to read Acts 2 anew and try to place myself in the shoes of those people who heard the apostles preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the Day of Pentecost, nearly 2,000 years ago. *Would I have done what they did? Would I be willing to surrender a lifetime of service to God under the Jewish religion for the newfound religion of Christianity?*

Yes, I understand that Christianity was the fulfillment of all Old Testament prophecies, and the realization of what God had always intended, Romans 10:1-4. But I also understand how difficult it is to get people to change today! Very few are truly willing to examine their lives, their faith, their religious upbringing and **change** if the need calls for it. Consider *your own attitude* toward those religious zealots who come knocking on *your* door. Do you give them the time of day? Certainly I have in the past, and will always *debate* my cause with them. But they are often unwilling to bend themselves or to consider their own errors.

Three thousand souls obeyed the Gospel on that day when they heard that they were guilty of crucifying Jesus Christ, the Son of God! Acts 2:22-24. They were convinced that this murdered Jesus had been raised from the dead, just as their King David had prophesied (Acts 2:25-31). They believed the eyewitness testimony of the apostles (Acts 2:32). These were not blind fools, but logical, reasonable Bible believers!

Their one question: *“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”* (Acts 2:37) was met with the simple answer: *“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”* (Acts 2:38). Those who gladly received this answer were baptized (Acts 2:41).

They did not give the tired old adage, *“Well, you know you can’t teach an old dog new tricks!”* Rather, they took responsibility for their own eternal souls’ well being, and di

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