

Grace and The Unstoppable Mission of God:
The Promised Community

Acts 2:40-47

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Jesus stands in the way, between two communities.

Ephesians 5:8-18; 1 Peter 1:18-19

Love the Gospel, Live the Gospel, Advance the Gospel

- In your own words, can you describe what's happening in Acts 2:36-47? Why is it so significant that it happened on The Day of Pentecost?
- What does Peter mean when he makes his plea *"Save yourselves from this corrupt/ crooked generation!"* How is it even possible?
- The death of 3,000 in the incident of the golden calf in Exodus 32 and the salvation of 3,000 at Pentecost in Acts 2 makes a stark comparison between what? (Read 3 Corinthians 3:7-18 for some help)
- Who is The Promised Community?
- What are the characteristics of The Promised Community found in Acts 2:42-47? Are we devoted to the same things? What will devotion to these things require? What does our devotion reveal?
- What happens when The Promised Community forgets who they are?
- Does a clear understanding of The Promised Community impact our view of this local church and even our community groups? If so, how?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9-10, Philippians 2:12-16 and Acts 2:47 out loud. What part does The Promised Community play in the unstoppable mission of God to reach "all, who are far off"?

"Save yourselves from this corrupt/ crooked generation!"

Acts 2:36-41

1. Saved out of THE CORRUPT COMMUNITY (Acts 2:40-41)

About 3,000 people

- Exodus 32:7, 28

- Jeremiah 31:31; Ezekiel 37:26
- 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

1 Peter 2:9 “A chosen **people**, a royal **priesthood**, a holy **nation**, a people belonging to God”

Devoted to *the apostles’ teaching*

Devoted to *the fellowship*

- 1 John 1:3
- Romans 12:10-16; Hebrews 10:23-25

Devoted to *the breaking of bread*

Devoted to *prayer*

2. Saved into THE PROMISED COMMUNITY
(Acts 2:42-47)

Acts 2:43 “Everyone was filled with fear...”

Philippians 2:12-16