

**The Appeal of an Ambassador of Christ**  
**Acts 2: 37- 47**

- **2 Corinthians 5:16-21 - Ambassadors of Reconciliation to God through Christ**
  
- I. The Appeal - What Do You Do with Your Guilt? - Acts 2:37-40**
  - A. The Presentation of Jesus's Life, Death, Resurrection and Exaltation as Lord and Christ - Acts 2:22-36**
  - B. The Response - Acts 2:37 - "What shall we do to be saved?"**
  - C. The Answer - Acts 2:38-39 - Repent and "because of the forgiveness of your sins be baptized" - Not Baptismal Regeneration - Acts 10:44-48 - Cornelius**
  - D. The Hermeneutical principle - *analogia Scriptura* - No contradiction in The Scriptures - Salvation is solely by faith in Christ alone - Acts 16:29-34**
  - E. Conviction of sin is evidence of a genuine conversion- Luke 23:39-43**
  - F. Old Testament picture of Christ's effect on sinners - Zechariah 12:10-13:1**
  - G. The presentation of sin must come first so that a need for the Savior is understood and this is the work of the Holy Spirit - John 16:5-15**
  - H. Baptism is a public acknowledgment of faith in Christ - Matthew 10:32-33  
For the Jewish audience it is a difficult act - John 9:22 and Luke 14:25-35**
  - I. The Promise of the Holy Spirit is for all who are called - Acts 2:39**
    - **Irresistible Grace - Titus 3:3-8 (Isaiah 44:1-8 and Ephesians 2:11-22)**
  
- II. The Result of the Preaching of Christ - Acts 2:40-47**
  - A. Spiritual Devotion to the Teaching, Fellowship, Communion, and to Prayer - Acts 2:42**
    - 1. We are to be a Spiritual Church - 1 Timothy 3:14-15 - Pillar and Support of the Truth of God's word**
    - 2. We are to fellowship - 1 John 1:1-3 and Hebrews 10:24-25**
    - 3. We are to take communion together as the unified family of God in one body, the Church - Ephesians 4:4-6 - A Christ Centered Church -**
    - 4. We are to be a praying Church - John 14:13-14**
  
  - B. The Spiritual Witness -**
    - 1. The Church is to be in awe, to be sharing, to be joyful, and to be growing**
  
  - C. The Church Unified as One Body - Ephesians 4:4-6**