

# **Apostolic Message**

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## I. Introduction.

A. The church of Christ is supposed to be presenting men and women who are alive in Jesus Christ.

B. We can know how to make a decision for Jesus Christ.

## II. There is an intellectual awakening, an emotional awakening and a volitional awakening.

A. The people at Pentecost heard Peter's message and they were pricked in their hearts by the Holy Spirit.

B. We have many in the church who listen to sermons but never hear the word of God in them.

C. The message was that Jesus is king.

D. One of the problems is that we are guilty of the sin of independence from Jesus Christ.

E. Satan has dulled people's ears and eyes.

F. Satan must be bound in order for nonbelievers to be open to the ministry of God.

G. There also must be an anointing of God on the lips of the preacher.

H. Preaching should not depend upon emotionalism nor should it deny emotions. The Spirit pricks to the heart.

I. The problem with accepting Christ is not the intellect but the will. The Spirit must draw us.

## III. There must be action.

A. Man must engage in action: repent and be baptized.

1. To repent means to change one's attitude toward the Lordship of Christ.

2. When God calls people he expects a response.

B. God's action through the cross is the remission of sin.

C. The Spirit moves into a new believer's life and makes him alive all over again through regeneration.

## IV. There must be an awareness that things are going to be different.

A. A man begins to hate those things he loved before.

B. Our commitment to Christ changes us. It must be total in order to be effective.

### **Application questions:**

1. What must a person do to be saved?

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2. Why is it not enough that man responds to God's calling? What must God do on behalf of man for salvation?

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3. What can we expect a new believer's life to look like? Explain.

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