

Peter's Sermon Sequel

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Introduction:

- A. We have had two sermons from Luke Outline Book of Sermons in Acts
 - 1. Peter's Pentecost Proclamation
 - 2. Peter's Afternoon Address
- B. Peter's Sermon Sequel - Acts 4:5-20
 - 1. The set aside stone
 - 2. The sole means of salvation
 - 3. Speaking the seen in the sight of God

I. THE SET ASIDE STONE

- A. Acts 4:5-11 - Peter has settled into a theme and pattern for preaching
 - 1. He knows his audience's needs
 - 2. He addresses his audience's needs
 - 3. He identifies the authority behind his words
 - 4. He convicts his audience of sin
 - 5. He tells them what they must do
 - 6. He gives them the promises that accompany salvation
- B. Psalm 118:22; Isa. 28:16; Luke 2:34
 - 1. The Jews knew the Messiah would be controversial
 - 2. How He was received depended entirely on the spirit of the receiver
- C. 1Peter 2:4-8
 - 1. Lithos - bones of the earth; a stone that cannot be moved; it was useless to the builder who had their own plans and agenda apart from God who aligned the stone Himself
 - 2. Eph. 2:21-22 - We become a part of the structure aligned with Christ

II. THE SOLE MEANS OF SALVATION

- A. Acts 4:12
 - 1. Matt. 1:21; Acts 10:43
 - 2. Singular - Eph. 4:4-6; Matt. 16:18
 - 3. It was that way in the beginning - Gen. 3:15
 - 4. It is that way in the end - Jude 3
- B. We make no apology to other denominations and world religions on behalf of Jesus Christ, the sole author of salvation

III. SPEAKING THE SEEN IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

- A. Acts 4:13-20
 - 1. Verses 13-18 - First century spin control; don't rock the boat
 - 2. 1Cor. 1:27; John 11:47
- B. Verses 19-20
 - 1. You judge
 - a. A given - God's authority supercedes man's

- b. The Sanhedrim acknowledged itself to have been appointed by God; and it had no authority not derived from this appointment.
 - c. First direct appeal to the right of individual responsibility, accountability, and conscience in following God's will
2. We must speak - Jer. 20:9; Acts 18:5
- a. Why?
 - b. For salvation and fellowship with others - 1John 1:1-3
 - c. For our own salvation - Ez. 33:6; 1Tim. 4:16

Conclusion:

A. Acts 4:21-31