

Matthew 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 20:28

THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

A C T S 2 : 3 7 - 4 1



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

ACTS 2:37-41



- Beginning of the Great Commission
Mat 28:18-20; Mk 16:15,16; Lk 24:46-49
- The first people to hear the gospel
Isa. 2:2-3; Mic. 4:1-2; Acts 11:15
- The beginning of the church
Mat. 16:18-19; Acts 2:47; Eph. 3:6



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

ACTS 2:37-41



- Apostles baptized with the Holy Spirit
John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7,8,13
- The people present and their response
Exo. 34:22,23; Lev. 23:15-21
- Peter's Sermon – He explains the miracle
Joel 2:28-32



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

ACTS 2:37-41



- The miracles of Jesus
- The crucifixion
- God raised Him from the dead
- Agrees with prophecy (**Psa. 16:8-11**)
- To sit on David's throne (**Psa. 132:11**)
- The apostles' testimony
- Confirmed by the Old Testament (**Psa. 110**)



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

A C T S 2 : 3 7 - 4 1



THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41

The Reaction

Acts 2:41-42, 47

They gladly received his word...

They continued steadfastly...

The Lord added to the church...



**Saved
Souls**

Church

**A
D
D
E
D**

THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41



Universal

**Mt. 16:18;
Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23**

- All the saved -

Local

**1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:2
Romans 16:16
(Rome, Ephesus,
Philippi, Thessalonica,
7 churches of Asia)
- Congregations -**



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

ACTS 2:37-41



The church is represented by various figures in the Bible

- *The church* - **Mat 16:18**
- *A kingdom* - **Col 1:13**
- *A body/church* - **Col 1:18**
- *A temple* - **Eph 2:21-22**
- *A family* - **Eph 3:14-15**
- *A vineyard* - **Mat 20:1**
- *A house* - **1 Tim 3:15**



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

ACTS 2:37-41



**The church is not
a physical building**

- **Spiritual... *living stones* 1 Cor 3:11; 1 Pet. 2:4-8**
- **It's made up of people whose faith is in
Christ and those who obey Him *Mat. 28:19-20***
 - **Christians - *Acts 11:26*** • **Believers - *Acts 5:14***
 - **Saints - *Phil 1:1*** • **Brethren - *Mat 23:8***
 - **Disciples - *Mat 10:24*** • **Children - *Gal 3:26-27***
 - **Babes – *1 Pet 2:1,2***



THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41



Marks of the New Testament Church

TEACHING & PRACTICE

- Organization (*Phil. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:2*)
 - Bishops, deacons, saints (*1 Tim. 3*)
 - Autonomous (*Acts 20:28*)
 - Sufficient to do its own work
 - No human organizations
 - No sponsoring churches



THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41



Marks of the New Testament Church

TEACHING & PRACTICE

• **Worship** (*Jno. 4:23-24; Acts 2:42*)

- Instrumental music
- Entertainment
- Changes in the Lord's Supper

Col 3:17

2 John 9



THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41



Marks of the New Testament Church

TEACHING & PRACTICE

• Work *Romans 14:17*

- Fellowship halls
- Fundraisers
- Sports activities
- Secular schools

Col 3:17

2 John 9



THE BIRTH OF 3000 BABIES

ACTS 2:37-41



**Includes those who submit
to Christ's authority**

- **Right head (Christ)**

Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23

- **Right teaching**

2 Tim. 1:13; 2:2; 3:16-17

- **Right living**

Jas. 1:22; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; Eph 5:1



THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41



Some would argue, “It doesn’t matter what you believe or practice...”

- **Warnings about false teachers**

Mat 7:15, 16; Mat. 16:6

- **Warnings of apostasy**

Acts 20:28-30; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; 4:2-4

- **Warning of rejection John 12:48**



THE BIRTH OF
3000 BABIES
ACTS 2:37-41



Terms of Entrance

TEACHING & PRACTICE

- The Plan of Salvation (The book of Acts)
 - Hear gospel, *John 6:44-45*
 - Believe gospel, *John 8:24*
 - Confess faith, *Mat 10:32-33; Rom 10:9-10*
 - Repent of sins, *Lk 13:3; Acts 2:38; 17:30*
 - Be baptized, *Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38*

