

Repent and Be Baptized
Acts 2:37-41



Mohamad Faridi

“We were children, but we were not raised as children. We were raised as soldiers. Every lesson, every prayer, every chant was designed to hate non-Muslims.”

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“If you ask questions, my son, it leads to doubt. Doubt leads to sin, and Allah will burn sinners in hell.”

“Mohamad, you asked why I changed. I’m telling you; it’s Jesus.”

Rasoul

“What Rasoul said to me that day changed everything. He looked me in the eyes and said, ‘Jesus was beaten. . . . He was crucified.’

“His precious blood was shed for my sake.
And he gave up his life; he sacrificed for me
so that I could have eternal life.

“I had never heard anything good like it. It wasn't just words – it was something deeper, something that cut straight through me.

“It felt like a sword had pierced my heart, exposing how wicked I was. In that moment, I stood naked before a holy God, empty-handed, with nothing to offer him.”

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“What do I need to do? Tell me, what do I need to do to have what you have?”

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“I saw colors for the first time in my life . . .

“So I picked it back up. I opened its pages again, and as I read, the Word of God began to wash over me –

“cleansing me, breaking the chains of
deception I had been bound to my whole life.

“It was gentle, yet powerful, like pure water running through the filth of my heart and mind, washing away the sewage I had lived in for so long.”

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“I’ve been a Christian for 18 years now, and I can honestly say there is nothing better than Jesus.

“The peace, the freedom, the purpose, the hope, and the love that I have found in him are beyond anything I could have imagined.

“Jesus has changed my life in ways I could never repay, and I am forever grateful for his grace.”

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“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

“And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

“And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Acts 2:1-4

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The foreign speech - **universality**

“And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others mocking said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’”

Acts 2:12-13

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Last Days = Messianic Age

“And in the last days . . . I will pour out my
Spirit on all flesh.”

Acts 2:17

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“... this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,

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“you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up,”

Acts 2:23-24a

“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’”

Acts 2:37

to repent = to turn **from sin to God**

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repentance in Acts =

a complete **reorientation** of life **through Jesus**

mind change + conviction + sorrow
= repentance

“So those who received his word . . .” (41a)

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to receive = welcome warmly

“... the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:15b

* Real repentance believes,
and real belief repents!

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“every” (hekastos) = each one

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2. **personal**

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“Repent and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ . . .” (38a)

“This Jesus ...

“This Jesus ... you crucified ...

“This Jesus ... you crucified ... God raised ...”

1. individual
2. personal
3. **communal**

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“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off,

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everyone whom the Lord our God calls to
himself.'

“And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’”

Acts 2:39-40

“crooked” (skolios) = warped, bent, perverse

Our culture's perversions . . .

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If I follow my heart, I'll find the right way.

“Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” (40b)

“there were added” (41)

“And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (47b)

“He did not add them to the church without saving them (no nominal Christianity), nor did he save them without adding them to the church (no solitary Christianity either).

“Salvation and church membership belonged together; they still do.”

John Stott

1. individual
2. personal
3. communal
4. **beneficial**

“for the **forgiveness of your sins**” (38)

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“you will receive the **gift of the Holy Spirit**” (38)

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give
you another Helper, to be with you forever,

“even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 14:16-17

5. **visible** - “and be baptized” (38)

metonymy = referring to something using
one of its qualities or features

“The White House announced today . . .”

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“What dish did you serve?”

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

Acts 2:41

He calls people to . . .

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“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,”

Acts 3:19

Baptism pictures three realities:

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3. You are no longer identified with the **world system**; you are now a member of **God's family**.