

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

2:44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

2:45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

From today's sermon

After Peter's sharp sermon, many people were deeply moved and asked, "What are we to do? Many were deeply moved by Peter's sermon and asked, "What should we do?

Repent. Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that each one of you may receive the forgiveness of sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Peter said, "and be saved from this perverse age.

An age of deceit, of dishonesty and deceitfulness, of obstinacy and stubbornness, of stubbornness and dishonesty. But there were 3,000 who came to salvation from that evil age. The disciples lived in teaching, fellowship, sacraments, and prayer. Awe of God welled up in everyone's hearts. Through them, God's miracles and signs sprang up. A shared heart was born among those who were together in faith, and there was openness, simplicity, purity, humility, and joy in their hearts as they gathered together in unity of mind day after day. This was the opposite of that "crookedness. In the fellowship of love that gathered together daily in God's teachings, people's goodwill arose, and God led those who were being saved daily together. There are those who are watching our fellowship today.

Good morning everyone. It has been a rainy Sunday for the first time in a long time. I hope you have been well.

We have been reading the Bible together with you from the Passion of the Lord to Easter and the continuation of Pentecost, and I would like to bring it to a close today.

Jesus, who dedicated Himself to the cross for the redemption of His people. He prayed, "Father forgive them," and died and was buried in a tomb. Jesus who died and was buried in a tomb, but was resurrected on the third day. And Jesus who appeared to the disciples for 40 days during the seven weeks leading up to Pentecost to encourage them. On the day of Pentecost, he gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples as he had promised, empowered them, strengthened and encouraged them, and sent them out as witnesses.

Then began Peter's sermon before the multitudes in Jerusalem.

2:22 Hear now what I say to you, O Israelites. For you know well that Jesus the Nazarene was the one whom God showed to you through him that he was sent from God by many mighty works, miracles, and signs, which God did in your midst.

2:23 And it was according to the plan and foreknowledge of God that this Jesus was delivered, but you crucified him at the hands of the unrighteous and killed him.

2:25 David says of Jesus, / "I have always seen the Lord before my eyes. For He is at my right hand, that I may not be moved.

2:26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue sang with joy. 2:26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue sang with gladness: my flesh also shall live in hope.

2:27 Thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades, neither wilt Thou permit Thy saints to perish.

2:28 Thou wilt show me the way of life, and fill me with joy in Thy presence.

2:32 God has raised up this Jesus, and we are all his witnesses. And we are all witnesses of this.

2:33 Then Jesus was raised to the right hand of God, and received from the Father the Holy Spirit of promise, which he poured out on us. This you now see and hear.

2:36 Therefore know this, all the house of Israel, that you were crucified, and that you were crucified with Him, and that you were crucified with Him, and that you were crucified with Him. This Jesus whom you crucified, God has established as Lord and Christ.

Even David prophesied about this Jesus, saying that his soul would not be cast into Hades and that the saints would not perish. Jesus was not thrown into Hades, but was resurrected, his body did not decay, he returned to heaven, and now he has sent the Holy Spirit, just as he promised. Peter said with a sharp tongue that what you are seeing now is the true evidence that Jesus is the one truly sent by God.

Those who heard this were deeply moved, and their hearts were pierced and gouged, wondering what they had done to the One who had been sent by God in this way. And they said, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

How can a man be forgiven for being so cruel to the Son of God, for rebelling against God, for being arrogant to the point of arrogance? But Peter said, “2:38 And Peter said to him, 'How can I be forgiven?’

2:38 And Peter answered, “Repent! And be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that each one of you may receive the forgiveness of sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2:39 This promise is given to all who are called of our Lord God, to you, and to your children, and to all who are afar off.

2:40 Peter testified in many other words, exhorting the people, saying, “Be saved from this crooked age.

The crucifixion on which Jesus was hung. It may look like a place where people drove Jesus away out of envy, but in fact it was God's great, great plan of salvation. The cross, a sign of man's unimpeachable sin and rebellion, was God's means of forgiveness for man's sins.

Repent,” he said, ”and be ye reconciled to God. Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that each one of you may receive the forgiveness of sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Not only do we receive forgiveness of sins, but we also receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. How relieved were those who were pricked and gouged by this message of forgiveness and grace in the world.

These are truly crooked and wicked times. A time of injustice, cheating, deceit, unrepentance, obstinacy, stubbornness, dishonesty, and deceit.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. The Word was God.

1:2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

1:3 All things were made by it. 1:3 For by it all things were made, and not one thing was made that was not by it.

1:4 And in this word was life, and the life was the light of men. And this life was the light of men.

1:5 The light shineth in the darkness And darkness did not prevail against it.

1:6 And there was a man here, whom God had sent. And his name was John.

1:7 This man came to testify. 1:7 He came to testify about the light, that all men might believe

in him.

1:8 He came not to be a light, but only to testify of light.

1:9 He came into the world because of the light of truth, which enlightens all men.

1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him. 1:10 And the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

1:11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

1:12 But to those who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave power to become sons of God.

1:13 For they were born, not of blood, nor of the lusts of the flesh, nor of the lusts of man, but only of God.

1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld his glory, which is the glory as the only begotten of the Father. 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

3:18 He that believeth on him shall not be judged: but he that believeth not shall be judged. He who does not believe has already been judged. For they will not believe in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

3:19 The judgment is that the light has come into the world, and men have loved darkness rather than light because of their wickedness.

3:20 For all who do evil hate the light. And they will not come to the light, lest their deeds should be brought to light.

3:21 But he who is doing the truth will come to the light. 3:21 But he who is doing the truth will come to the light, that his deeds, which he has done in God, may be made manifest.

This is a stubborn age that refuses to accept the light. Stubborn hearts. Twisting the truth of things, interpreting them selfishly, being self-protective, and trampling down innocent people by doting on themselves. These are truly wicked and crooked times. What are we to do? The answer is precisely this.

Repent. Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and

you will receive the Holy Spirit. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." ... "Be saved from this crooked age."

And today we see a picture of the fellowship of pure students who were saved from this crooked age.

2:42 And they kept the doctrine of the apostles, and had fellowship of believers, and broke bread together, and prayed together.

They were earnestly observing the teaching..., which today is the same as observing the Bible. And they had the fellowship of believers, encouraging them in the faith, teaching them, helping them, breaking bread, administering the sacraments, praying with them, asking God to teach them, and offering them petitions.

2:43 Fear arose in everyone, and many miracles and signs were performed one after another by the apostles.

God accompanied them as they spent their time in this way. Holy fear, awe, and daily renewed faith were given to all the disciples, and awe welled up in all of them. Then, wonders and miracles began to spring forth. The word "awe" (passive voice), "fear arose," and "many miracles and signs were performed by the apostles, one after another" (passive voice) are the same word in the Greek, and are written in the passive voice. Deep faith accompanied by fear, wonders, works, and miracles are all events that God graciously gives us. We are entrusted with His grace, not our own efforts or abilities. It is just like receiving the Holy Spirit as a gift from God.

2:44 And all the believers shall be together, and shall have all things in common,

2:45 Selling their property and possessions, they gave to everyone according to his need.

The disciples who believed in the grace of the Lord's filling by His grace, and who without fear believed in the Lord's supreme filling, were all together, and those who believed were together, spending time together. And there was a spirit of community there, not with anyone, but with one for all and all for one.

2:46 And they were united in mind daily, and did the work of the temple continually, and broke bread at home, and shared their meals together with joy and sincerity,

2:47 And he was a godly man, having favor with all men. And the Lord added to them daily those who were being saved.

Every day. All together. These are the words that should be the theme of today's passage. Its serenity. Its fear and gratitude, faith and security. In them, a meeting was born, a community was born. Fear was removed, and day by day everyone kept going, loving and serving each other together.

There was a joy that was unparalleled.

Moving forward with one heart. After the Tower of Babel, when words were divided and it became difficult for people to understand each other, the Holy Spirit enabled everyone to be of one mind, together, day after day. It was peace, harmony, and a wonderful, incomparable joy. In those crooked times, people would talk to each other about who was above or below, who was rich and who was poor, whose influence was stronger, who was beholden to whom, who obeyed whom, and who looked the other way otherwise. But here, they were sharing, no one was poor, they were united in their hearts, they were constantly making the palace, they were breaking bread at home, they were sharing meals together with joy and sincerity, and they were celebrating God. This was the world Jesus spoke of in Matthew 20.

20:25 Then Jesus called them to Him and said, "As you know, the rulers of the Gentiles rule over their people, and the great ones wield power over them.

20:26 And it shall not be so among you. But whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant; and whosoever wills to be great among you, let him be a servant,

20:27 He who wants to be a leader among you must be a servant.

20:28 For just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

It is also the world in Philippians 2.

2:1 Therefore, if you have any encouragement through Christ, encouragement of love, fellowship of the Spirit, zeal and mercy,

2:2 I beseech you to be of the same mind, of the same love, of one mind, and of one mind, that you may be filled with my joy.

2:3 Do not do anything out of partisanship or vanity, but in humility of mind make one

another better than yourselves.

2:4 Consider not yourselves only, but also others.

2:5 Let the same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus.

2:6 For though Christ was in the form of God, do not consider equality with God a thing to be adhered to; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect in the sight of God,

2:7 Instead, He humiliated Himself and took the form of a servant, taking the form of a man.

2:8 And he abased himself, and was not like unto man,

2:8 He humbled Himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name above every name.

2:10 For at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth,

2:11 And that every tongue might confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord," and give glory to God the Father.

2:46 And that they may be of one mind daily, and that they may constantly make courts, and that they may break bread in their houses, and that they may eat together with gladness and sincerity,

2:47 And he was a godly man, having favor with all men. And the Lord added to them daily those who were being saved.

Joy and sincerity.

This joy is the greatest joy; this sincerity is frankness, simplicity, purity, and humility. It is a childlike, spotless heart. We have been saved from crooked times, rescued from obstinacy, stubbornness, deceit and irreverence, and kept alive by the Holy Spirit in the light of this heavenly and immaculate purity.

2:47 He was pleased with God and had favor with all men. And the Lord added those who were being saved to his flock daily.

There were those who saw such a flock. It was a place to gain favor. That too is God's layered grace. With those who are saved day by day. And there is a God who blesses all the flock. We, too, believe daily, receive from the Holy Spirit a heart of awe and a pure heart, and together, day by day, we respect and cherish each other, help each other and fill each other up, and in God's surpassing joy, we hope to move forward with a pure heart like a child.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Thank you so much for rescuing us from the age of crookedness, wickedness, and stubborn deceit, and for leading us today to this place where we gather with unparalleled joy, sincerity, openness, simplicity, purity, and humility. There are those who see this flock sharing and loving one another. We ask God to always give us piety so that we can be a help to those who are at a loss for answers to the question, "What should we do? Please give us wonder and miracles. Please lead all sufferers to God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.