

Coming to Jesus Christ

Acts 2:37-41

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I. Have you ever had a *what-can-I-do-moment*?

A. Let me explain what I mean.

1. A *what-can-I-do-moment* is one of those moments when you are struck with something wrong that you have done and you desperately want to do something about it but you have no idea what to do.
 - It is the way you feel when you realise that you just scraped the side of your van on the new Mercedes that is parked next to you and you wish you could just erase what happened and pull out of that parking place again.
 - If only there was something you could do to erase what you have done!
2. My brother in law just told us a story about two of father's friends that I think could be classified in the *what-can-I-do-moment* category.
 - Friend one was teasing with friend two and said,
 - "Put your thumb on this block and I will chop it off."
 - Friend two put his thumb on the block and friend one chopped it off!
 - Afterward, the chopper explained that he never expected his maimed friend to leave his thumb on the block,
 - And his maimed friend said that he never expected that his axe brandishing friend would really chop off his thumb!
 - You can only imagine how awful the chopper must have felt!
 - It was truly a what-can-I-do-moment and there was nothing that could be done.

B. In Acts 2, we are told that those who heard Peter's sermon had a *what-can-I-do-moment*.

1. You can see it in verse 37.
 - It says:
 - **Acts 2:37: Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"**
 - a. They were desperate!
 - To be **cut to the heart** means that Peter's words had pierced them...deeply.
 - They were deeply convicted of the wrong that they had done to Jesus Christ.

- Peter has just demonstrated to them that He is the Messiah and they, or at least their leaders—had crucified Him by wicked hands.
 - Some of the leaders were there,
 - and many of Peter’s hearers had been part of the mob who shouted that He be crucified just a couple of months before.
 - Even those who had not shouted had not embraced Him even though He had preached and done signs and wonders among them to clearly show that He was the Messiah!
- b. Just think of the position that these were in right now...
- 1) The Holy Spirit had been visibly and audibly poured out on the 120 followers of Jesus who were at Jerusalem.
 - There was the sound of a mighty rushing wind, and there was the sight of tongues of fire that had come upon each one of them.
 - And there was also the miracle of tongues that enabled these Galileans to declare the works of God in languages they had never learned—
 - so that members of the on-looking crowd marvelled because they could understand them perfectly in their native languages!
 - 2) And now Peter had preached this powerful, Spirit-inspired message to explain all this...
 - This rough fisherman had shown them from Scripture that this was the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit!
 - And He had shown them that this was the doing of Jesus Christ—
 - the One whose miracles they had seen!
 - the One David had spoken of in Psalm 16 who would be raised from the dead to reign and would never see corruption and who had been raised!
 - the One David had spoken of when he called Him his Lord and had said that this One would sit at God’s right hand until all His enemies were made His footstool.
 - And because He was exalted to reign at God’s right hand, He was the One who had poured out the Holy Spirit.
 - He was Lord and they had crucified Him!
 - He was the Christ, the promised Messiah, who had come to save His people and they had rejected Him!
2. It is no wonder that they were cut to the heart and cried out “What shall we do?”
- a. The wonder is that all of them were not in this *what can I do* state!
 - They were all guilty and they ought to have all felt that guilt!

- How could they not feel guilty when they *were* so guilty?
- 1) It is amazing that more people do not admit their sin in rejecting Christ...
 - That they can hear of Christ whom they have rejected and go on as if they have no guilt!
 - Here is this Saviour who is preached and so many have heard about Him and they are indifferent about Him.
 - There were many in the crowd who had heard about Him and had seen Him at the feasts, and they had not come to Him,
 - and now all this had transpired before their eyes at Pentecost and they were still unmoved!
 - That is the mystery of iniquity!
 - How it hardens men and makes them like stone!
 - How it blinds them so that they cannot see or feel what they have done.
 - It makes them like beasts.
 - 2) The Bible tells us the grim truth about this...
 - It tells us that peoples' hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked.
 - It tells us that sin makes men and women so hard and so blind that they will not come to Jesus unless the LORD draws them.
 - The Holy Spirit has to open their heart and their eyes!
 - He has to change them from what they are in themselves or they will never admit their guilt!
 - They will go on with the light of Jesus all around them and they will admit no wrong in their rejection of Him.
 - They will say,
 - "I just don't see it;
 - "It's just not important to me;
 - "I don't have time to bother with it.
- b. The ones who did respond—the ones who did feel desperate—were only doing what any reasonable, feeling person, would do.
- It was really nothing special at all—
 - it was just what anyone ought to do—what you would expect them to do!
 - You have rejected the Messiah—you ought to be cut to the heart!
- 1) That is what happens when God's Spirit works in you to show you your sin.

- He simply puts you in your right mind.
- He simply brings you to your senses so that you see things the way they really are.
- You finally come to see how wrong you have been to reject the Messiah.

2) That is what happened to some of these men—

- And so now they are desperate—they are cut to heart and they say:
 - “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

C. I hope that all of you have had “what shall I do” moments before the LORD.

- I hope that you have seen what a great Saviour He is and how you have not honoured Him.
1. Perhaps you grew up in some liberal church where you at least heard about Him; but you never bothered to investigate.
 - You heard about His Virgin birth with the angels all around and you heard about the miracles He did and how He was raised from the dead—
 - but you went on as if it didn’t really matter much.
 - You went on doing your own thing as if He were not Lord...
 - Though you knew He was called Saviour, you went on as if you need no Saviour.
 - But then one day you realised...
 - It may have been a gradual illumination or it may have happened all at once—it doesn’t really matter...
 - All that matters is that you came to understand how terribly dreadfully wrong it was for you ignore Him and you said, “What shall I do!”
 2. Even those of you who grew up in a faithful Christian home and have known Him and served Him as far back as you can remember...
 - I hope that even you have had your own version of “what shall I do moments,”
 - when you have seen how you, who are privileged to know Him, have not given Him the honour that He deserves...
 - I hope that as you have walked with Him, you have truly sensed your need of His forgiveness and grace all along the way.
 - That you have realised, even as you walk in the light, that the blood of Jesus continually cleanses you from all your sin.

- I hope that you been filled with gratitude for His forgiveness and for His Holy Spirit...
 - It ought to make you very glad.
 - It ought to make you love Him.

- 3. Or maybe you grew up outside the church completely...
 - You never heard anything of Him.
 - I hope that in your case, the day has come when you learned of Him and heard how He died on the cross to atone for His people's sins...
 - And that you began to see how you had ignored Him as your Creator and how you avoided acknowledging Him and giving thanks to Him...
 - and how you believed false things about Him because of your wicked heart...
 - how you believed the silly lies that you told about Him in your high school science class...
 - and how you did things that you knew were wrong before Him...
 - And then you too had a *what can I do moment* and you realised how wrong you had been.

TRANS> So have you ever had a *what can I do moment* before the LORD?

- It is an awful thing when you do—
 - When you realise that you have wronged the Lord of glory and that you cannot go back and do it over again.

II. The Great News is that there is something you can do!

- As soon as Peter hears this question, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”
 - He answers it!
 - There is an answer!!
 - It is an answer for every person who has ever come to see the wrong that they have done before the Lord.
 - It is an answer for all of you who have come to realise that you are a sinner.
 - There is something that you can do!
 - And Peter tells you what you must do!

A. First of all, Peter tells you to repent!

- You can see that in verse 38...
 - **Acts 2:38: “And Peter said to them, Repent...**

- This simply means that you can stop resisting Jesus and His kingdom.
1. He is LORD and Christ and you can start treating Him that way!
 - As LORD, He is the creator of all things and all judgement has been given to Him—He is to be obeyed in all things!
 - As Christ, He is the Saviour, the One God sent to redeem us and reconcile us to Himself so that we can be His people.
 - He even went to the cross to pay the penalty of sin and all that has been clearly demonstrated now.
 - Instead of ignoring Him as you have been doing, you are called to repent and start serving Him as Lord and Christ.
 2. In the Bible, repentance speaks of turning—turning from what you have been and what you have done to serve the Lord.
 - It is a complete change of direction...
 - It begins with a radical turning for many as it did for the Apostle Paul...
 - And then it continues for the rest of your life as you walk in the light and see your sin from day to day.
 - First there is a turning from your rebellion to walk with Him, and then there is a daily turning as you continue to walk with Him.
 - For others, repentance may have been much more gradual as it was for Timothy who trusted Christ from childhood.
 - He had walked with Jesus as far back as he could remember and for him repentance was a habitual way of life.
 - As sin was committed from day to day, repentance and turning to Jesus followed.

TRANS> Repentance is the first thing that Peter tells his hearers to do.

- They had rejected Jesus—now they need to turn to follow Him...
 - That is what He tells you to do first and then He adds a second thing...

B. He tells you to be baptised...

- “Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.”
1. Whenever a person is baptised in Jesus name,
 - He is acknowledging that Jesus is Lord and Christ.
 - You acknowledge that He is the Lord whom you will follow and obey...
 - And you acknowledge that He is the Christ—the Messiah whom the Father sent to redeem His people.
 - You confess Him as your Lord and your Saviour.

- You enter into covenant with Him, becoming His disciple.
- He says to us in His covenant, “I will be your God and you shall be my people.”

2. Peter’s instruction is really quite simple.

- As soon as you realise that you have been wrong in never coming to Jesus who is Lord and Christ, you simply come to Him and become His disciple!
- Here was the Messiah and these Jews had seen Him and heard of Him among them—they had seen His miracles and signs...
 - but they had crucified Him—
 - and even if they had not been in agreement with His crucifixion per se, they had not come to be His disciples—and He is Lord!
 - He was their Messiah, sent from heaven to establish God’s righteous kingdom and they had not come to Him!
 - Realising that is what had cut them to heart!
 - So now they simply need to repent and be baptised in His name—they need to receive Him.
 - They need to do what they had failed to do.
 - And that is what you need to do if you have never come to Him.

C. But how can you do this when you see how you have wronged Him?

- How can you who have rejected Him all this time just come up to Him and say, “Here I am?”
 - How can you come to Lord whom you murdered for no reason and expect Him to receive you as His disciple after what you have done?
 - It might seem like the wisest course would be to run as far away from Him as you possibly can!
 - But you don’t need to do that!

1. You can come to Him because there is forgiveness with Him!

- a. Peter tells you that there is forgiveness for what you have done—even if you were one of the Lord’s murderers!
 - 1) He says, “Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”
 - When you remit something, you dispose of it—you strike it from the record.
 - When your sins are remitted, they are taken off of your record!
 - 2) It may seem like it’s too good to be true—but it is true!

- Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ and you are forgiven!
 - It is that simple!
 - Jesus will not hold anything that you have done against you.
 - He will welcome you!
 - He will remove your sins as far as the east is from the west!
- 3) Don't you see?
- That's what His coming as the Christ is all about—
 - He came to save His people from their sins.
 - He came to give His life as a ransom for the forgiveness of sin.
 - He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
 - He made His soul an offering for sin and the Father has accepted His offering.
 - He is ready to pardon all those who come to Him, and the one who comes, He will never cast out!
 - You will not meet up with His frown, but with His welcoming smile.
 - All heaven rejoices when one sinner repents!
 - Repent and be baptised for the remission of sin!
- b. Baptism saves!
- 1) Water is used to represent cleansing from sin...
- When you come to Jesus as Lord and Saviour which you are to do by repenting and being baptised,
 - He cleanses you from your sin.
 - Not by the water of baptism itself of course,
 - but by applying the work that He did on the cross to take away your sins.
 - The baptism that saves always involves doing what you say that you are doing in baptism: embracing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
 - You are coming to Him to enter into covenant with Him!
 - You are coming to Him to enter into the Kingdom of righteousness that He came to establish.
 - You are coming to Him for forgiveness and life because He is the Messiah—
 - And He forgives you!

- 2) Of course Peter does not mean that the mere act of getting baptised saves you.
- You enter into God's covenant by baptism!
 - But if you are baptised and you do not truly receive Christ as Lord and Saviour,
 - your baptism is a lie!
 - You are like a woman who gets married and keeps her old boyfriend the whole while.
 - You come to Him, but you do not keep your covenant with Him.
 - You don't really receive Him as Lord and Saviour.
- 3) It's very important to understand this because there are a lot of people who are baptised that have never really received Him.
- a) They are just as much in rebellion against Him as anybody else—
- But they have the sign that says they belong to Him.
 - Their baptism is not right because they are not trusting in Him for forgiveness, nor are they serving Him.
 - If you are like that, you need to repent just as much as Peter's hearers did.
- b) If this is the case with you, what must you do?
- You need to complete your baptism—you need to make it good!
 - There is no need for you to be baptised again.
 - You have already entered into covenant with Him.
 - You just need to complete the part that you have omitted—the most important part!
 - You need to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour!
 - It is to your shame that all the while you have had His mark upon you and have not received Him!
 - But you can repent and start trusting Him and serving Him as Lord and Christ right now...
 - and you will be forgiven—right now!

TRANS> So you see, despite the way you have wronged Him,

- you can still come to Him and He will welcome you!
 - That is what coming to Him is all about—you come because you have wronged Him in order that you might be forgiven by Him!
 - He did not die on the cross for us because we are good, but because we evil.

2. But maybe you are discouraged about coming to Him for another reason.
 - Maybe you would say,
 - “I am glad to know that He forgives, but I am afraid to come because I am afraid that I will not serve Him as Lord and Saviour...
 - I will come to Him, but then I will not serve Him or honour Him.”
 - a. But there is another promise to take away that excuse!
 - Peter not only says:
 - **“Repent and be baptised for the remission of sins...”**
 - He also says:
 - **“You shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**
 - Listen to the whole verse:
 - **Acts 2:38: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**
 - b. That is the same Holy Spirit that was just seen to have been poured out on the 120 disciples at Pentecost!
 - It is the same Holy Spirit that enabled them to speak in languages they had never learned.
 - It is the same Holy Spirit that anointed Jesus at His baptism.
 - It is the same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.
 - That is the Holy Spirit that you receive when you come to Jesus!
 - God promises that all who repent and are baptised in the name of Jesus will receive Him along with the forgiveness of sins!
 - So there is nothing to stop you from coming!
 - You, the Holy Spirit is the One who enables you to follow Jesus.
 - It is part of God’s covenant promise.
 - Not only does He promise to forgive you, but He also promises to write His law on your heart so that you will delight in His law...
 - In other words, you will have a heart to serve Him and obey Him and you will follow Him and serve Him.
 - That is the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in every believer to help us serve Jesus.

- You will not be perfect, but if you truly come to Jesus, the Spirit will come and will change you and keep you until the last day when He will perfect you.

TRANS> You see, that God-rejecting sinners have every provision in Jesus Christ!

- In Him they have the forgiveness of sins and in Him they have the Holy Spirit for new life!
 - So come—come to Jesus Christ with hope and assurance!
 - Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!
 - He came to establish a kingdom of righteousness and He does everything that you need to live in that righteous kingdom if only you will come to Him.

III. But who is it that may come to Jesus for all of these blessings?

A. You can! You who are called!

- Peter says so in verse 39:
 - **Acts 2:39: The promise is to you!**
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- 1. That means **you**—all of you who are listening to this sermon!
 - YOU can come and you ought to come!
 - You have just heard about this Saviour and the promise of forgiveness and of the Holy Spirit is for **you**!
 - Repent and be baptised (or make your baptism good) for the remission of sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Peter, of course, was speaking to bunch of Jews—
 - Some of them had crucified Jesus and none of them had received Him!
 - But He tells all of them who were in the sound of His voice that the promise was for them.
 - And that is the point!
 - It is for everyone who hears the call of the Lord to repent and be baptised.
 - If you hear the call to come, the promise is for you!
 - If you come, you will receive forgiveness and new life in the Holy Spirit!

B. And not only that—the promise is also to your children!

- Peter says so...

- **Acts 2:39: “The promise is to you and to your children!”**
1. This is God’s way.
 - Whenever He receives people into His kingdom, He always tells them to bring their children with them...
 - The kingdom belongs to them too!
 - You don’t have to enter His kingdom and leave your little children outside!
 - Forgiveness and the working of the Spirit is for them too, simply because they are your children!
 2. Some people will say,
 - “Well this is just talking about children who are old enough to come on their own.”
 - But there would be no point in Peter mentioning the children if that were the case.
 - Of course the promise pertained to the children of those in Peter’s audience who were old enough to understand the call and come on their own!
 - That goes without saying!
 - If a father was there with his 20 year old son, the son is among those who are addressed when Peter says,
 - “The Promise is to you!”
 - Of course it was to the father and to the son in that case.
 - But Peter’s whole reason for mentioning “your children” is because he is talking about a different category of persons than those who heard his call.
 - Children are in a different category because they are not old enough to respond one way or another to Peter’s call.
 - So Peter informs you that the promise is to you and to them...
 - If you come into the kingdom, you can bring them with you.
 - This is why the New Testament is full of household baptisms.
 - The children are brought into the covenant with their parents.
 - They are baptised with them.
 - Now of course those children must be nurtured in the covenant by their believing parents...
 - And they must trust Jesus for forgiveness and for the help of His Spirit all along the way as they grow up lest their baptism should be empty...

- but they are counted as part of the household of faith as long as they continue to profess Him and serve Him according to their capacity.
 - If they grow up and turn from Him—
 - no longer serving Him as Lord and Christ,
 - they are to be cut off—they have broken the covenant.
 - But before they are old enough to say one way or the other, they are to be included with their parents.
3. We might not be so sure about their inclusion if God had not established this pattern with Abraham.
- But He did establish the pattern of including children and so we can expect Him to be like Himself.
- a. The same formula was used to inform Abraham that his children were included with him in God’s gracious covenant...
- Peter says, “The promise is to you and to your children,”
 - And in Genesis 17:7, the LORD says:
 - **Gen 17:7: I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.**
 - God promised to be the God not only of Abraham, but also of his children.
- b. Obviously, the LORD was talking about future generations here...
- but He also makes it very clear that He received Abraham’s children from infancy because He commanded the sign of circumcision to be given to his sons on the eighth day!
 - And He said that it was a sign of His promise to be a God to them!
 - And that if they were not circumcised, they were cut off from His covenant...
 - That means that they were *in* His covenant to start with.
- c. And so the very fact that in Acts 2, Peter is speaking to a Jewish crowd,
- And that He tells them that the promise is to them and to their children,
 - And that He tells them this at the very moment when He is calling them repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus...
 - And that for them in all their generations, this had meant that as they were God’s people, so were their children,

- There is every reason to suppose that Peter is informing them that like Abraham,
 - they are to bring their children with them when they enter into the covenant.
- If this is not what Peter meant, why did he say, “The promise is to you and to your children?”
 - And why does Paul refer to children with at least one believing parent as holy and children with no believing parents as unclean?
 - And why did Jesus say that the kingdom of God belongs to little children if it does not belong to them?
 - And why is it mentioned that the whole household was baptised, it would seem, whenever a person with a family was baptised?
 - It is simple—because the promise is to you and your children!
 - You are entitled to bring them to Christ when you come to Him and to nurture them in the covenant rather than treat them as outsiders.
 - The promise is to you and to your children...

TRANS> But that is still not all...

- Peter adds another category as well...

C. The promise is also to those who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call.

1. The phrase, “afar off” is used in scripture to refer to the Gentiles.
 - In Isaiah 66:19, God promises that He will send the remnant of His people Israel...
 - **“to the nations...to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame no seen My glory and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles.”**
 - These foreign nations are called those who are afar off.
 - In Ephesians 2:11, Paul uses the same language when he reminds the Ephesians that they were once Gentiles, but that now in Christ Jesus,
 - **Eph 2:13: “you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”**
2. In saying that the promise is to those who are afar off, Peter is showing that the gospel is to be preached to the nations.
 - Peter was speaking by the Holy Spirit, and he spoke better than he understood.
 - But the Spirit was signifying what Christ had repeatedly told His disciples—that the gospel of His kingdom was to be preached in all the world.

- Peter's words indicate that the promise of forgiveness and of the Spirit is for every Gentile who hears the call of the Gospel...
 - If they repent and are baptised in the name of Jesus, they too will be forgiven and will receive the promise of the Holy Spirit!
3. How this ought to affect us my brothers and sisters!
- a. It ought to make us very glad because God has included us as well as the Jews in the promise of the gospel!
 - As soon as we come to Christ, we receive the promised blessing of salvation!
 - b. It also ought to make us eager to get the gospel out to the whole world!
 - There are people who have never heard—they have not been called...
 - The promise is not theirs until they are called!
 - Let us be earnest in our prayers and our labours and our support of missions that those who have never heard might be called!

TRANS> What a gracious God we have!

- His promise is for you and your children and for those who are afar off, as many as are called!
 - The wonderful promise that if we will but turn from our own way and come to Jesus, we will be completely forgiven and we will receive the Holy Spirit!
 - This is the promise that is held out to all who hear!
 - It is held out to all of you right now who can hear my voice!

IV. But I must tell you that it will do you no good—no good at all—if you do not respond from the heart!

- A. In verse 40 we are told that Peter kept on urging them to respond!
- **Acts 2:40: And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."**
1. Peter kept on at them—with many other words!
- a. He kept on urging them because He knew how important this was!
 - If they continued to stay away from Christ, they would not be forgiven and they would not receive the Holy Spirit.
 - He is Lord and Christ and they dare not continue to ignore it!
 - God had made it very clear to them and it was high time for them to repent and receive Him.

- If not, God’s kingdom would have been brought so very near and they would miss it to their eternal ruin.
 - How hard the judgment would be for those who had spurned their own Messiah—
 - so Peter urges them!
- b. He also kept on urging them because he knew how hard it would be for them to break away from all their attachments...
- They had much pride in being God’s covenant people—they had come up to the feast of Pentecost to worship with their people!
 - But now Peter is calling them to receive Christ whom most of their people and their leaders had utterly rejected!
 - They should have received Him!
 - And because they did not receive Him, Peter calls them a perverse generation...
 - To stay attached to those who reject Christ is to choose a perverse generation instead of the Messiah!
 - A wretched choice indeed!
 - So Peter says, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”
 - You need to be saved from them!
 - Let them all go and come to Jesus Christ!

TRANS> Peter knew that this Jewish crowd needed a lot persuasion!

- It was not that he had no confidence in the power of God to convert them.
 - It was rather that he had great confidence and that is why he kept on at them!
 - He kept in because he believed that God would save them!
 - Earnest evangelism and earnest prayer is never a sign of unbelief—it is a sign a belief!

B. And you see the result of Peter’s earnest call!

- In verse 41 we are told the outcome:
 - **Acts 2:41: Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.**
1. You see that they are said to have gladly received the Word!
- Indeed they were glad!
 - They were guilty of rejecting their own Messiah and now He was calling them to come for forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit!
 - They loved much because they understood that there was much in them to be forgiven!

- I hope you can see that too—in yourself!
 - I hope you have tremendous gladness in the mercy of God!
 - It is only fitting that you should!
2. And look, there were three thousand that were added to them!
- This was Pentecost—the feast of the firstfruits...
 - And here were the firstfruits of the great gospel harvest—
 - the harvest that was to be gathered from the whole world as the gospel went forth from here!
 - Even the more conservative statisticians tell us that on average,
 - there are more than twice as many conversions to Christ each day than there were at Pentecost!
 - That’s right—on average there are over 6000 conversions every day not counting those who grow up in a Christian home!
 - Our God is full of grace!
 - He is still working daily, receiving sinners into His kingdom.

C. So what about you?

1. If you are listening to this message, you have been called!
- The promise is to you and to your children and to everyone else that God will call!
 - Have you rejected the Messiah whom God sent to save the world?
 - Have you been going on in your life without Him?
 - Are you attached to this perverse generation that rejects Him?
 - Are you even baptised in His name, and yet still, you have not repented and begun to follow Him as Lord and Christ?
2. It is time for you to repent!
- There is nothing to keep you back!
 - It doesn’t matter how wicked you have been—He will pardon you.
 - That is the reason Jesus died!
 - It doesn’t matter how weak you are...
 - If you will come to Him, He will give you His Holy Spirit to be with you forever to work in you what is pleasing to Him.
 - There is nothing complicated about it.
 - It is only a matter of being honest with the LORD and letting go of whatever you are holding on to.
 - Don’t go on rejecting Him!
 - The door is opened.
 - Enter while you may.
 - You will not be disappointed.