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The New Testament!
"The Plan of God
Carried Out by God Acting In History"

Matthew 10:7 (KJV) And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 9:2 (KJV) And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Mark 1:14-15 (KJV) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Preachers have something of substance to tell you That is exactly what preaching is, that is what we looked at two weeks ago

Last week we looked at what preaching does and the plan preaching presents

Today we will look at "The Plan of God Carried Out by God Acting in History"

We are told that the plan of God is carried out by God acting in history

Christianity is recorded history of the acts of God
Christianity is this, "listen to what God has done"
Hear the Gospel, the Kingdom of God is an hand,
repent, believe the Gospel and enter in through the narrow gate

What were the apostles speaking of on the Day of Pentecost?

Acts 2:11 (ESV) Both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—"we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Let me say it again, this is preaching
"we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God"

Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones says, *"Your salvation, my salvation does not depend upon our thoughts, nor upon our discovery of truth, but entirely and utterly upon something that has literally happened in this world almost 2000 years ago!"*

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In other words our salvation depends not our understanding or knowledge or anything else but in what God has done in Christ Jesus

We may not have great brains and understanding but when we are told a fact we can believe it

There is one who has come from the Imperial Palace saying, a son and heir has been born to the Emperor

Galatians 4:4 (ESV) But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.

The event 2000 years ago brought salvation, it can mean our salvation if we accept it as fact and give ourselves to it

John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

Why have we hesitated in leading people to enter into His Kingdom?

The time in which this was ushered in was 2070+ years ago

The turning point of history was 2000 years ago
Here is the biggest turning point in history, when
Jesus went to the cross

The gospel says, come just as you are, look back,
look at what God has done, God has done all things
that is necessary for your salvation

It is what is called the work of Christ in bringing
about our forgiveness, righteousness and salvation
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Repent and believe the gospel and because of what
He has done for you willingly enter His Kingdom and
submit to His Lordship

Genesis 3:15

Protoevangelium-the first presentation of the Gospel

Genesis 3:21

All of this is God acting in history carry out His
decrees

Throughout the OT this promise is repeated
**Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV) Comfort, comfort my people, says
your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to
her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is
pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries: "In the
wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight
in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley
shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be
made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and
the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord**

shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Then there was 400-500 year lull and then

John 1:29 (ESV) The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

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Repent, believe and willingly enter into His Kingdom
Repent, turning from your ways and turning to Christ and His ways

Repent and turn from all known and willful sins
Not an attender, not a church member, not baptized, not a "believer", not a "Christian", not saved (whatever that means) but a dedicated and devoted follower of Jesus and His Word working to advance His Kingdom through His local church

Put all your trust NOW in the work of Christ on the cross for your salvation

What are you waiting on?

Give yourself to Jesus!

What are you waiting for?

Show yourself to be that follower of Jesus and make a public confession for the 1st time and be baptized
Or maybe you need to come forward and repent of your sins and recommit your life to Jesus and His work

Surrender your heart and your entire life to Jesus and do it right NOW!