

GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD.

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INTRO:

A. Read text: Acts 2:37-41.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Give the background of the text.
2. **Gladly receiving** the word **is important**.
 - 1) The word rendered “gladly” means “freely, cheerfully, joyfully.” It implies that they did it with joy.
 - 2) Received means to take fully, that is, welcome (persons), approve (things): - accept.
 - 3) Seeing the truth motivated them to accept and obey.
3. See **1 Thess. 1:6 & Acts 17:11**.
 - 1) **1 Thess. 1:6**.
 - 2) **Acts 17:11**.
4. Gladly receiving the word is a dedicated conversion.

C. Let us notice Acts 2:41.

DISCUSSION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GLADLY RECEIVE THE WORD?

I. BY GLADLY RECEIVING THE WORD...MAN SAVES HIMSELF!

A. Note the text: Acts 2:37-41.

1. They asked. (What shall we do?)
2. The answer was given. (Repent & be baptized.)
 - 1) Two things were stated as to what they were to DO.
 - 2) NOTE: NOT just one thing.
 - a. Repent: Turn from sinful life and turn to God (**1 Thess. 1:8-10**).
 - b. Be Baptized: Immersion for the forgiveness of sin (**Acts 22:16**).
3. Action was taken.
 - 1) **Verse 41** is the demonstration of obedience.
 - a. Based upon HIS Word (received the word).
 - b. They were baptized.

B. By obedience, they demonstrated belief. (No belief w/o action.)

1. By their reception of the word, they saved themselves.
 - 1) Saved by obeying the source of salvation!
 - 2) **Heb. 5:9; Rom 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18**.
 - 3) **Acts 13:46**.
 - 4) **James 1:21**.

C. To RECEIVE the word means to receive it ALL!

1. It is not picking and choosing what suits us.
 - 1) **Acts 26:27-28**.
 - a. Believed... yet he did not obey.
 - b. To believe is to recognize a thing as being true. Obedience is the proper action that demonstrates one's belief!
2. God's plan requires obedience to ALL His commands.
 - 1) **Gen. 6**: God told Noah to build an ark.
 - a. Several things were involved. (LENGTH, HEIGHT, WIDTH, MATERIAL...)
 - b. Noah was to do ALL...
 - c. **Gen 6:22** “Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”

- 2) Today we must...
 - a. Hear the gospel (**Acts 2:37; Romans 10:17**).
 - b. Believe the gospel (**Romans 1:16; Mark 16:15-16**).
 - c. Repent – Change lifestyle (**Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3, 5**).
 - d. Confess that Christ is the Messiah (**Romans 10:9-10; John 8:24**).
 - e. Baptism for remission of sins and be added to the Lord's church (**1 Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38, 47**).
 - f. Then live faithfully (**1 John 1:7; Revelation 2:10**).
- 3) Is there one of these that I can choose to omit?

II. RECEIVING THE WORD MEANS GIVING UP ERROR.

A. Men cannot have denominationalism and Christianity at the same time.

1. Paul gave up his FORMER religion.
2. Read **Phil. 3:4-7**.

B. As we give up error, we must walk in truth.

1. **1 John 1:7; Eph. 5:8**.

C. Note **Acts 2:41-42** (continued in the apostles' *doctrine*).