

Acts 2:38-40

³⁸ And Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
³⁹ "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

We each need to be saved from this perverse generation. Throughout my life, I have honestly sought out the truth in whatever I was involved in. I can't say that I have always liked the truth when it was revealed; but I have submitted my life to truth as I discovered it, and the fact that "Truth is Truth." One of the most primary truths in this life, is that there is a God; and that one day each of us will be required to stand before Him, and give an account for our lives. This Judgment will be a very terrifying time for anyone who hasn't repented of their sins, and surrendered in their hearts to Jesus Christ. Part of every man of God's responsibility, is to share the truth to this lost and dying generation. The problem for many of these men, is that this is not only a "politically incorrect" message outside of the church, but in many cases, it is also received as incorrect inside the church walls. So rather than risk being rejected or ostracized, the truth of God's Word has been watered down to where it has lost its salt and light. Sin is not limited to homosexuality, or even in the murder of our unborn with abortion. Sin is anything that is outside of God's Laws and Commandments. A person can go to hell just as fast for gossip and character assassination, as they can for choosing to live in a deviant lifestyle.

The message that must get out today is that there is hope for anyone who is enslaved to sin! Entering sin is a choice, but once it has grabbed a hold of your life; then it has become your master. Just as slavery was an evil and dark blotch against our nation's history; so sin is against anyone who is ensnared to it. The only hope for each of us, is Jesus Christ!! I can honestly attest that I was addicted to alcohol and tobacco for close to thirty years. I tried everything in my power to be free, but nothing worked. Nothing that is, until I truly surrendered my addictions and life to Jesus Christ. That first year of living free of those addictions was the scariest year of my life. Because I knew that I was only one step away from returning to those sins, like a dog to his vomit. That's why the Apostle Paul exhorts us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. My life is living proof that God can take a man engulfed in sin, and redeem him by the blood of His Son! Many people may believe that there is no forgiveness for the sins that they are enslaved to, but that is a lie from hell. The saving power of Jesus Christ is more powerful than any sin, which anyone has ever committed, or recommitted. Many people struggle with sins that can be traced throughout their family's tree, and they believe that they will die with it as their parents and grandparents did before them. Friend, that is only true if you never give your life to Jesus Christ. I'm not talking about an emotional moment here, but a choice to turn away from your sin, and the knowledge that you can't make it a day without the strength of God Himself. Perhaps your mind has been haunted in the night hours with your sins, as has mine; you too can be set free from those horrors as well. There is only one way to be free from sins, and to be assured of an eternity free from hell, His name, is Jesus Christ!