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God Calls us to RESPOND to Him

Memory Verse: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Challenge Verse: “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” Acts 2:38

Fill in the Blanks Sermon

Remember the fill in the blank story? I want you to fill in the blanks below from Peter’s sermon.

This is a story that will teach us the good news about Jesus. Read through the “fill-in-the-blanks sermon” stopping at all the blanks to read the verse from the Bible reference. As you read the verses see if you can figure out what to write in the blanks.

Once you have filled in all the blanks, read the sermon as a whole and see how by filling in the blanks you were able to clarify who Jesus is and what He did.

In Peter’s message, he filled in the blanks of what people knew about Jesus as he clearly explained the Gospel message and explained who Jesus is (He is the Son of God), what He did (He died on the cross and came back to life taking the punishment for our sin). In Peter’s message, he explains the Gospel by saying that ***Jesus is both Lord and Christ***. Jesus is Lord in that God gave Him the authority over everything and He is Christ in that He was the Messiah, the Rescuer, the One who came to pay the price for the sins of God’s people.

- (1) God created a perfect world and He created people to be in relationship with Him.***
- (2) God is holy and perfect and faithful and exalted and powerful.***
- (3) In contrast to God’s perfection and holiness, we are all sinners, and we all deserve to be punished for our sin. The punishment we deserve is death and forever separation from God.***
- (4) But Jesus came to earth and took the punishment that we deserve by dying on the cross in our place. Then, He came back to life showing that He has power over sin and death.***
- (5) Now, having heard this good news we are called to response. Our response should be to admit that we are a sinner, repent (turn away) of our sin and follow Jesus.***

The Good News!

In the beginning _____
_____ (Genesis 1:1).

God is _____ (Deuteronomy 7:9) and

God is _____ (Job 36:22) and

God is _____ (Psalm 18:2).

God is also _____ (Psalm 18:30),

but people are not perfect.

In fact, everyone has _____ (Romans 3:23) and
because of our sin, no one is good enough for God.

No one is _____ (Romans 3:10).

And, because of our sin, we all deserve _____
(Romans 6:23).

But, God showed His _____ for His people- while we were
still sinners, Christ _____ (Romans 5:8) for us. Jesus died
the death that we deserve and He rose again on the 3rd day and
God exalted Him to the _____

_____ (Philippians 2:9).

So now that we have the facts, what should we do? God calls us to
_____ (Acts 2:38) or turn away from our sin and turn to
follow Jesus. Now that's the GOOD NEWS!