

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:38-39

“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the ²remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

How was the audience converted?

- Verse 14 – “hear my words”
- Verse 22 – “hear these words”
- Verse 36-38 – “now when they heard this...”
- Verse 41 – “with many other words...”
- Exactly the way Jesus commanded them:
 - Mt 28:19
 - Mk 16:15
 - Lk 24:46-47
- How will men be converted today?
 - Rom 1:16

How was the audience converted?

- Their conversion involved:
 - The gospel message acting upon their:
 - Intellect
 - Verse 36 – “know for certain”
 - Resulting in faith
 - Conscience
 - Verse 37 – “cut to the heart”
 - An act of their Will
 - Verse 38 – “repent”
 - Verse 38 - “be baptized”
 - Verse 41 – “those who gladly received his word were baptized”

Those Who Gladly Received His Word

- Were baptized
- Continued steadfastly [continually devoted; gave constant attention to] in:
 - The apostles' doctrine
 - Why listen to them?
 - Verse 43 – still an emphasis
 - Fellowship
 - Sharing, joint participation, communion
 - I Jn 1:3; Rom 15:26; Phil 1:5
 - The breaking of bread
 - Prayers
 - Why do these things?
 - They've changed!

Those Who Gladly Received His Word

- Changed people
 - Col 1:13
 - Charity – vs. 44-45
 - Continuing daily in the temple
 - Hospitality – vs. 46
 - Sharing meals from house to house
 - Gladness
 - Simplicity of heart
 - Praising God
- The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved