

# Acts – Birth of the Church

## *A Promise Kept*

Acts 3:11-26

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### Introduction:

- **Acts 3:11-26**
  - Greek – **Thambos** (*Thom-bows*) ... English – **Wonder** ... “A state of astonishment due to a phenomenon with either a positive or a negative reaction—astonishment or alarm.”
  - Greek – **Ekstasis** ... English – **Amazement** ... “A state of intense amazement, to the point of being beside oneself with astonishment.”
  - **Acts 3:11**
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### 1. The Charge:

- Acts 3:11-16**
- Why go to the Temple to pray?
  - They have done this all their life.
  - Their goal was to reach people with the gospel.
  - This shows their lack of fear for being followers of Jesus Christ.
- Acts 3:12**
- Acts 3:13**
- List of charges:
  - You handed Him over to be killed
  - You disowned Him before Pilate
  - You disowned the Righteous and Holy One
  - You killed the Author of Life
- Who was Barrabas?
- Matthew 27:11-26**
- Matthew 27:22**

### 2. The Pardon:

- Acts 3:17-20**
- Peter does NOT set new Terms of Pardon.
- Acts 2:38**
- Mark 13:11** – The Disciples
- John 14:25-27** – The Disciples
- Hebrews 13:7-8** – To the Church

g. **Acts 2:38**

i. Two Commands – Repent – Be Baptized

1. Greek – **Metanoeo** ... English – **Repent** ... “*To change one’s way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness.*”<sup>[1]</sup> **It is 180-degree turn** ... Like changing from East to West.
2. Greek – **Baptizo** ... English – **Baptize** ... “*To Dip ... To Plunge under water ... To be immersed in water ... To bury in water.*”

ii. Two Promises – Forgiveness of sins – Gift of the Holy Spirit

h. **Acts 3:19**

i. Two Commands – Repent – Turn to God

1. Greek – **Epistrepho** (*Epi-Strefo*) ... English – **Turn** ... “*To return to a point or area where one has been before, with emphasis on turning about.*”
2. What point are they returning to? – A Right relationship with God.
3. How do they do that? – **Acts 2:38**

ii. Two Promises – Sins wiped away – Time of refreshing from the Lord

1. Greek – **Anapsyxis** (*Anop-Suk-Seas*) ... English – **Refreshing** ... “*Relief from distressful, burdensome circumstances.*”

i. The Letter of Acts sets the Standard for the Church ... This letter of Acts is the historical account of the how the church came about ... AND ... The Terms for each person to become part of the church.

j. **Romans 10:13**

k. **Acts 3:19**

3. **The Promise:**

a. **Acts 3:21-26**

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<sup>[1]</sup> Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 509). United Bible Societies.