

What Is The Invitation?

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- ▶ No eloquent or flowery oratory. 1 Corinthians 2:1
- ▶ Not “death bed tales and grave yard yarns.” cf. Acts 2:37; 16:29–30; Acts 24:25
- ▶ Not determined by the “amens.” Acts 7:51–53; 13:16–50

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What, then, is the invitation?

- ▶ Peter told people what to do and why; and the consequences if they did not. (Acts 2:36–41 and Acts 3:13–26; cf. Mark 16:16; Acts 24:25).
- ▶ There is power (Romans 1:16) and terror (2 Corinthians 5:11) in the gospel.

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What, then, is the invitation?

- ▶ Lead souls to respond to God’s saving grace.
- ▶ Build faith in Christ and in his word.
- ▶ Convict men of sin and tell them of its remedy and retribution.
- ▶ Strongly urge them to obey the direct demands of obedience – faith, repentance, confession, and baptism (Acts 8:12,35–36; 16:32–33).
- ▶ Tell them what awaits them if they do not obey the truth (2 Thessalonians 1:8; Romans 2:6–9; 1 Peter 4:17–18).

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What, then, is the invitation?

- ▶ Preach the truth.
- ▶ Press it into the hearts of men and lovingly insist that they obey it. Decision!
- ▶ God will give the increase, and you will be pure from the blood of all men.

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