

Four Gospel Questions

Acts 2:14-41

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1. Who is God?

God is sovereign, in **control** of everything & everyone

2. What has He done?

God **gave** Jesus the promised Holy Spirit to pour out

God raised Jesus from the dead in **victory**

God exalted Jesus to ultimate **honor** at His right hand

3. Who am I (we)?

I am not sovereign, but I am **accountable** to God

4. What am I (we) to do?

Repent (see also Mark 1:15)

A change of heart *“they were cut to the heart”*

A change of **mind** Gk. **metanoia**

A change of **life** (an alternative, not an additive)

Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins

Baptism is **individual** *“every one of you”*

Baptism **declares** that only Jesus cleanses from sin

Baptism **works** from the inside-out, not outside-in

To him [Jesus] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Not preferential; not only for a **few** (2:17-18)

Not sequential; the **order** may vary (10:43-48)

Life Group Homework

1. Take some time to think through the “Four Gospel Questions.” (These can be found in *Gospel Fluency* by Jeff Vanderstelt.)

Why is it important to begin with who God is and what God has said/done when studying the Bible?

Beginning with our needs, we can make the Bible say almost anything we want to hear. What’s wrong with the following?

Who am I? Poor and needy

What am I to do? Believe that God wants to bless me

What has God done? Saved me to bless me

Who is God? Someone who exists for my health and wealth

2. READ Acts 2:23; 3:17-18; 4:27-28 Does the sovereign plan of God excuse the sinful deeds of wicked men? Explain.
3. Repentance is both an initial response to believing the gospel *and* an ongoing response to the Spirit’s instruction/correction.

READ 2 Corinthians 7:8-10; Revelation 2:4-5; 3:19. What do you learn about repentance from those verses?
4. READ John 20:30-31; Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9
Is baptism a required ‘work’ you must do in order to be saved?