

and has ascended to the right hand of his Father; we believe all these things, now what shall we do?" Said Peter—"Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the Holy Ghost." Who were they whom he told to repent and be baptized? The Jews and the Gentiles, the Pharisees, doctors, lawyers, rabbis, and all men of every creed, profession and nation, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins." "What, we doctors?" "Yes." "We lawyers?" "Yes." "We divines?" "Yes, all of you." "What shall we receive if we do?" "The Holy Ghost." "What is that?" "Just what you have seen here." "Shall we all have it if we do this?" "Yes." And they went forth and were baptized, and three thousand were added to the Church the same day. The Apostle did not tell them to come to any class meeting, mourning bench or anything of that kind. There was not anything of that sort in the program. They were not so well educated in sectarianism then as we are now, and had not invented so many systems of religion or bodies of divinity then as now. In those days they had to take things as God gave them, that was, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins, and they should receive the Holy Ghost.

Will obedience to that Gospel do the same thing for us? Yes. Why? Peter said, "The promise is unto you, and your children, and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." This thing was not confined to one, two, three, twelve or seventy individuals, but said Peter, "It extends to you"—the vast concourse then before him—"to your children, and to all that

are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." If you can show me a people that the Lord our God does not call, I will show you a people to whom this promise does not apply.

Here are things that are very simple and straightforward. Why can't we investigate them. The same cause will produce the same effect now as then. It is in vain for us to deny those things; we have no right to do so until we have complied with the requisitions made and applied the tests. If we were using any chemical tests, for scientific analysis, we should go strictly by the rules laid down; why should we not do the same with regard to the Gospel of life and salvation? Here is the law laid down, plain and straightforward, in the word of God, for it is in the Christian's Bible that these things are contained. It is this very Jesus that they all believe in who talks about these things, and his twelve Apostles bear him out, and bear testimony to the same things. Here is a religious law plainly indicated, which we have no more right to ignore than we have any scientific formula in relation to earthly things.

But to proceed. We find his disciples baptizing; and after Jesus rose from the dead he appeared to them, and he told them to go forth and preach, not the theories and opinions of men, but the Gospel that brought life and immortality to light. Said he—"Go and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe, &c." They went forth and proclaimed his word, in his name and by his authority, and whatever they did they did in his name and by his authority. Jesus said unto them, "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth