

# Abundant Grace Bible Fellowship

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## Acts Lesson 5 2:22-36

**Peter's Audience:** VS 22 "ye men of Israel" Everything after this is a build up to Vs 36.

There is no doubt to the audience and the context of Acts CH 2. Israel/Prophecy

"approved of God" (8X in NT) first use of "approved" in NT, Only use about Christ.

All other uses are not the same use, about us not Christ.

Here "approved" is *to exhibit, to demonstrate, to accredit.*

"miracles and wonders and signs" these are rare in the Bible

3 short periods of miracles in 6k years of history

1<sup>st</sup> period = The exodus out of Egypt

2<sup>nd</sup> period = The lives of Elijah and Elisha

3<sup>rd</sup> Period = The time from Jesus to Paul

There are very few scattered miracles outside of these three periods.

Miracles are NOT how God shows his LOVE or POWER. (common misconception)

Miracles validate a man or a message.

God showed his love at the cross.

God showed his power to Israel during the Exodus from Egypt.

"miracles" Num 14:22, Deut 11:3, 29:3, Judg 6:13. (only 4 uses of the word in OT)

"wonders" Ex 3:20 (1<sup>st</sup> use in OT) Joel 3:20 (Last use in OT)

"signs" Ex 4:9 Jer 32:20-21

Heb 2:1-4 Important part of Israel's program.

These were a part of Paul's early ministry. These diminished then disappeared

Paul's use of all three words = 10X (used together several times)

"in the midst of **you**, as **ye yourselves**"

## Vs 23 The indictment starts

"determinate council and foreknowledge of God"

"God KNOWING ahead of time Christ would be rejected, determined to send him anyway"

THIS is how God showed his love!!! = Rom 5:10, Col 1:21

"ye have taken"

Peter is convincing them of their guilt. Zech 12:10

So, because God "foreknew" this, did God force them to do it?

Calvin says YES, Common sense says NO

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How can they be held accountable if God made them do it?

“wicked hands” = According to Calvin God made them do wickedness.

“if man has no freedom of choice he has no responsibility” (C. F. Baker)

**Vs 24 Death could not hold him.** Rev 1:18, 2:8

“not possible” John 10:17-18

**Vs 25-28 Peter appeals to David as a prophet** “concerning him”

Ps 16:8-11 Peter proving that Jesus IS the Christ/Messiah of the OT.

**Vs 29-31 Peter proves David was not speaking about himself.**

“his sepulcher is with us unto this day” (David’s tomb is NOT empty)

Vs 30 “being a prophet” Peter refers to the Davidic covenant. II Sam 7:12-16

“raise up Christ to sit on **his throne**”

Vs 31 “He seeing this before” Peter declares Psalm 16:8-11 is about Jesus of Nazareth!!

Vs 32 “**this Jesus**” What Jesus? The same Jesus of Ps 16 and the same one they crucified!

“we are all witnesses” (Acts 1:3 “many infallible proofs”

Peter is saying, Jesus came to fulfill II Sam 7:12 which is about a PHYSICAL kingdom.

NOT a spiritual kingdom where Jesus rules in our heart.

Covenant theology and the allegorical interpretation of scripture has ROBBED Christianity of ANY chance at a clear understanding of the Bible.

**Vs 33 Peter starts to wrap up his argument.**

He affirms where Jesus is now.

He affirms what they are seeing (tongues) is exactly what was prophesied. “he hath shed forth **this**”

**Vs 34-35 Peter again refers to the Psalms.** Psalm 110:1-7

“The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent” (change his mind)

Yet Christianity as a whole believes he did.....

**Vs 36 “Therefore”** Always ask; what’s the therefore, therefore?

“**that same Jesus**”

The same Christ of Prophecy, and the same Christ David spoke about.

IS the same Jesus they just killed.

“both Lord and Christ” (the anointed)