

WEEKLY WORD

LOIS DROVER

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Acts 2:38-41 Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.

"So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Picture it! Peter is addressing the crowd, telling them to repent and save themselves from this corrupt generation. This promise is for us today and for our children and their children and their children, etc, etc, etc. And then, Three Thousand were added to their number that day, because of the words a fisherman said! To me this is amazing.

Our churches today are decreasing in number, certainly not gaining 3000 a day. So what do we do about that? First of all, we pray, pray , pray. Pray for an increase, but before we can do that we must pray for relationship. Relationship with people who need to know Jesus, and then for those people to develop a relationship with Jesus. We need churches filled with people who have that relationship with the Saviour of the world, because this world needs saving just as much now as 2000 years ago. We cannot bring people into a relationship with Jesus unless we have a good relationship with him. How are we part of this corrupt generation? Maybe today is a good time to sit down and evaluate where you stand with Jesus. Once you know that, then you can go out and do what he requires:

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

***and to walk humbly with your God."** Micah 6.8 (NIV)*