Remission of Sins

 Level 4 Lesson 17

* **Lesson**

These scriptures are the last words of Jesus before He went up to heaven. He was speaking to His Apostles. This is Luke’s rendition of the Great Commission.

*Luk 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

*Luk 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

All of the prophecies in the Old Testament had, or were going to happen. So, He touched their minds with understanding of all of those Old Testament verses that spake of Him. Wow!! Could you just imagine having perfect understanding of the Old Testament?

*Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*

*Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

Repentance

Remission of sins

In His Name

Among all nations

Beginning in Jerusalem

*Luk 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.*

*Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

Go wait in Jerusalem

Power will come

So, let’s go see what happened…when they went to Jerusalem. I mean, surely they went to Jerusalem. Wouldn’t you go to Jerusalem if you were there?

Luke, also wrote the Book of Acts, which is the acts of the Apostles obeying the Great Commission. Chapter one starts with overlapping the last chapter of Luke.

*Act 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*

*Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

*Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

*Act 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

*Act 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

*Act 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

*Act 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.*

You notice here that they, in fact, did go to Jerusalem!!! Now let’s see what happened while they waited.

***Act 2:1*** *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

*Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

*Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.*

In Jerusalem

Waiting

Power from on high

Every nation under heaven

*Act 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*

*Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

*Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

*Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

*Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

*Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Peter preached to those Jews from every nation and reprimanded them for crucifying Jesus. The wonderful thing is that there was hope. Jesus made a plan to redeem those that repented of their sins. They were convicted of their sin and asked what in the world to do. Was there any hope for them?

Peter gave them these steps to get straightened out:

Repent

Be baptized

Every one

In His name

For remission of sins

Promise of power comes

* **Activity**

So, now you have read the scriptures. How readest thou?

**Oral Quiz**

Where were they? Jerusalem

How many nations were there? Every nation under heaven

What was the first thing they were to do? Repent (change their ways)

What was the next step? Baptism in Jesus name

Who? Every one

Why? For the remission of sins (removing of sins)

And if they truly followed these steps, what would God do for them? They would receive the Holy Ghost (power from on high)

We must repent, but then we must get those sins put away from us in baptism. We take on the Name of Jesus in baptism. There will be no sin in heaven. We can take none of those sins with us. They have to go on before us.

I am sure thankful that the Apostles obeyed Jesus! But then you will notice that in Acts 2:42 it says that they followed steadfastly the Apostles doctrine. The Apostles doctrine is what the Apostles taught. What did they teach? They taught what Jesus instructed them to teach. And don’t forget that in Luke 24 he opened their understanding of the Old Testament. And on top of all that, these are the men who wrote the New Testament!! We must follow them as they followed Christ.