Introduction:

A. Pentecost was an annual Jewish feast.
   1. O.T. names: "Feast of Harvest", "Feast of First-Fruits", "Feast of Weeks".
   2. N.T. name: "Pentecost" meaning 50th - 50 days after Passover.

B. This Pentecost special to Christians
   1. Marked beginning of Christian age - church established.
   2. Characterized by 3 great events.
      a. The Holy Spirit was poured out.
      b. The gospel began to be preached.
      c. Souls began to be saved by gospel of Christ-- added to church.

Discussion:

I. The Spirit That Was Poured Out.

A. Spirit had been prophesied and promised.
   1. By Joel. (vv. 17-21).
   2. By John the Baptist. (Matt. 3:11).

B. Spirit began to be poured out.
   1. H.S. baptism on apostles, giving miraculous power. (v. 1,7,43; 1:14).
   2. N.T. prophets, later, giving power. (v. 17, cf. 1 Cor. 12:28-31).

C. Kingdom came with power. (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8).
   1. In the last days. (Isa. 2:1-5).
      a. Before this day was in future.
      b. After this day was present.

II. The Sermon That Was Preached.

A. Identifies Jesus as responsible for "things seen and heard" (vv. 14-22,33).

B. Preached death, burial and resurrection of Jesus - basic facts of gospel. (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
   1. Death.
      a. Crucified by lawless hands. (vv. 23, 36).
      b. By "determined counsel and foreknowledge of God." (v. 23).
   2. Resurrection.
      a. Raised by God. (v. 24).
      b. Fulfilled David's prophecy. (vv. 25-36).
      c. Raised to sit on David's throne. (vv. 30-31).
         (1) At "right hand of God". (vv. 33-35).
         (2) Made "Lord and Christ" (v. 36).
         (3) Made head of Church. (Eph. 1:18 ff).

C. Charged Jews with death. (v. 23, 36).
   1. Realized guilt. (v. 37).
   2. Told about forgiveness. (v. 38).

III. The Salvation That Was Received.

A. It was for "every one" (v. 38).

B. It required human response. (vv. 38-41).

C. It involved several blessings.
   1. Remission of sins.
   2. Gift of H.S.
   3. Added to church. (v. 41, 47; cf. 1 Cor. 12:13).

D. It began new life of devotion, worship, godliness. (vv. 42-46).

Conclusion:

A. Do you believe what Peter preached?

B. Are you willing to do what they did?