







“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

Revelation 3: 20

A close-up photograph of a person's hands lighting a sparkler. The hands are positioned at the bottom of the frame, with the left hand holding the base of the sparkler and the right hand igniting it. A bright burst of golden sparks erupts from the center, creating a focal point of light. The background is dark and out of focus, featuring bokeh lights from other distant sparklers. The overall mood is celebratory and festive.

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## 2: 41 - 47

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

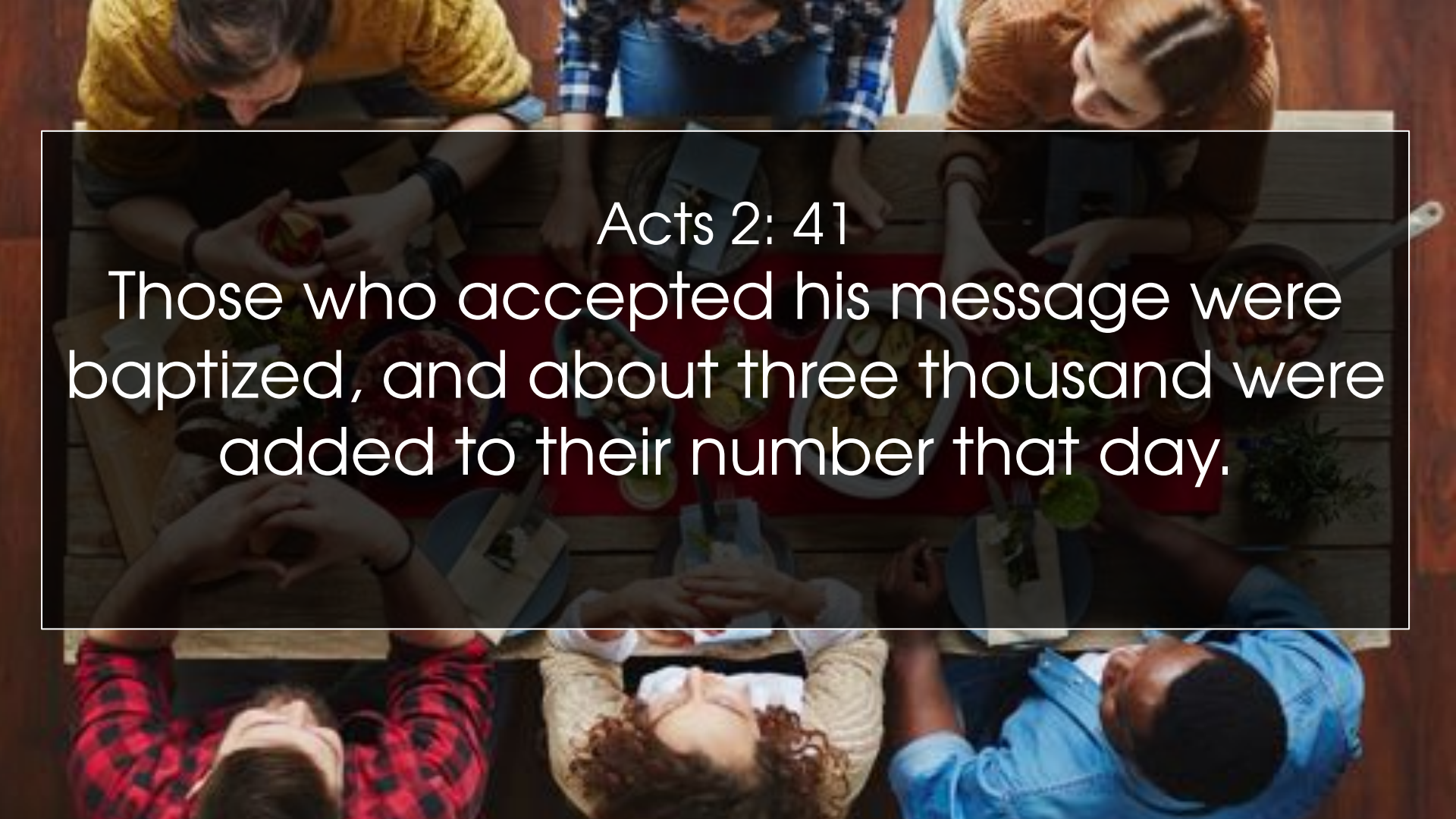
<sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common.

<sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

<sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.





A high-angle, top-down photograph of a group of diverse people sitting around a wooden table. The table is set with various dishes, including a large pizza, bowls of salad, and plates of food. The people are engaged in conversation and eating. The lighting is warm and natural, creating a communal and inviting atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the center of the image, within a white rectangular border.

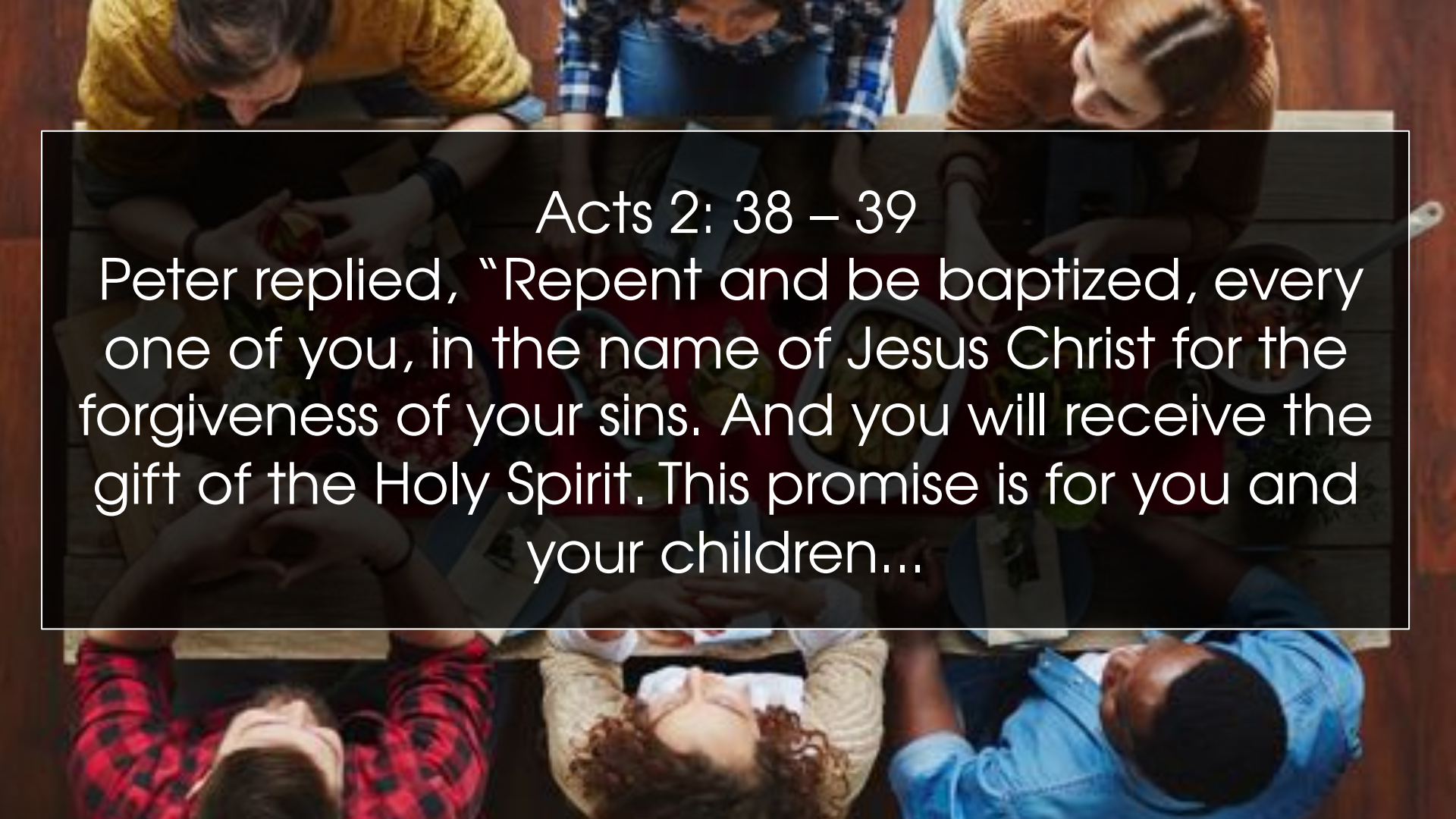
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# Baptism & the Holy Spirit



A top-down view of a group of people sitting around a wooden table. The people are of various ages and ethnicities, wearing casual clothing. In the center of the image is a semi-transparent dark rectangle containing white text. The text is centered and reads: Acts 2: 38 – 39. Below this, in a larger font, is the quote: Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you and your children..."

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## **Acts 8: 4**

But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.



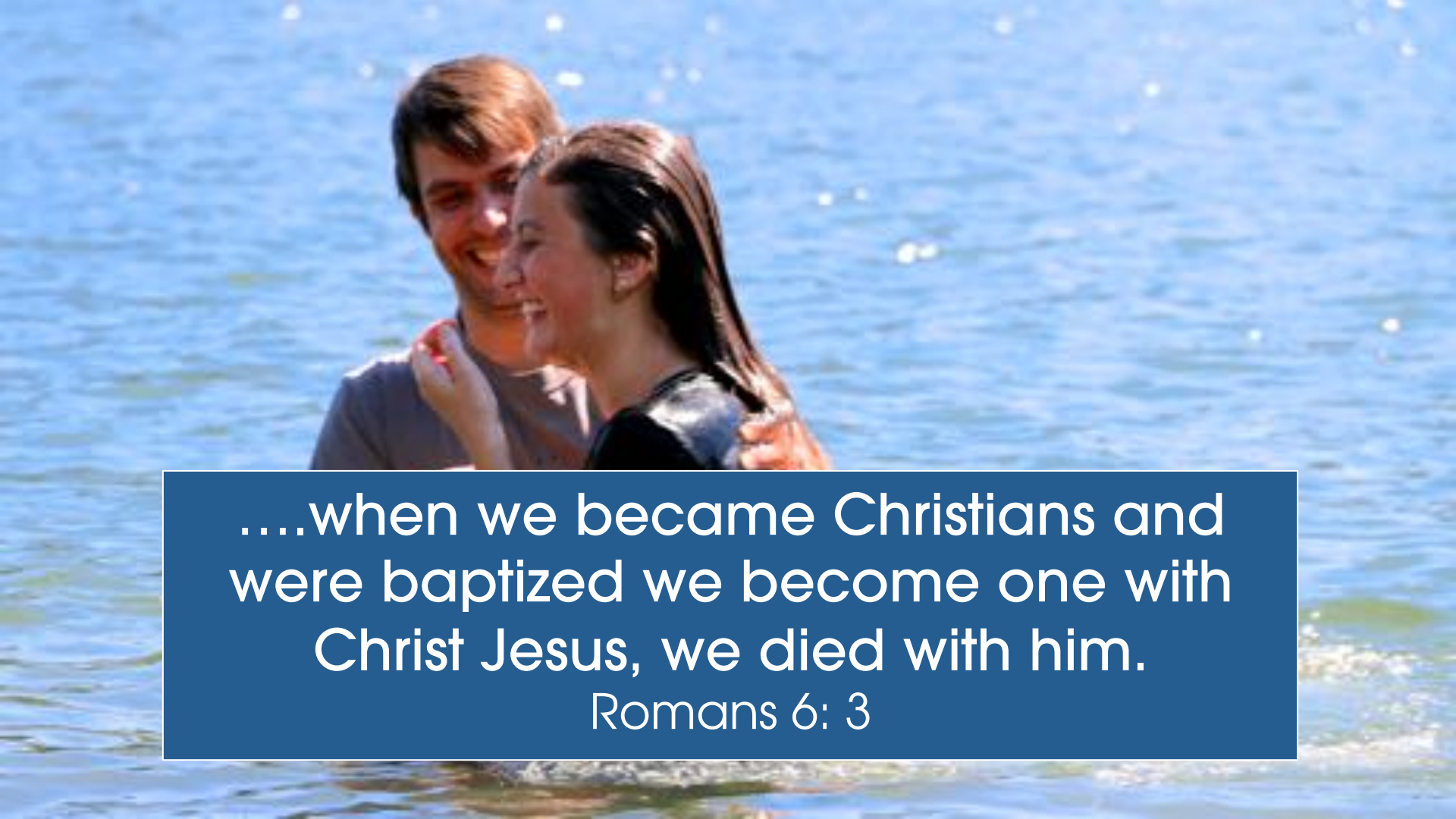


**Acts 8: 8**

So there was great  
joy in that city!





A man and a woman are shown from the chest up, standing in shallow blue water. The man, on the left, has short brown hair and is smiling. The woman, on the right, has long dark hair and is also smiling, looking towards the man. They appear to be in a joyful moment, possibly during a baptism. The background is a vast expanse of blue water under bright sunlight.

....when we became Christians and  
were baptized we become one with  
Christ Jesus, we died with him.

Romans 6: 3

A man and a woman are standing in shallow, clear blue water. The man, on the left, has short brown hair and is smiling. The woman, on the right, has long dark hair and is also smiling, looking towards the man. They are both wearing dark-colored clothing. The water is bright blue with some white foam visible at their feet.

And just as Christ was raised from the  
dead...now we also may live new lives.

Romans 6: 3

This means that anyone who belongs  
to Christ has become a new person.

The old life is gone;  
a new life has begun!

1 Corinthians 5: 17





# ACTION



Matthew 28: 19 - 20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

















### Acts 8: 14 – 17

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A close-up of Yoda's head and shoulders. He is looking slightly to the right with a neutral expression. He has large, pointed ears and wrinkled green skin. He is wearing a brown, textured robe. The background is dark and out of focus.

**MAY THE FORCE BE  
WITH YOU**

## Ephesians 3: 18

Now all of us can come to the  
Father through the same Holy Spirit  
because of what Christ has done for us.



## John 14: 16

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.



## **Romans 8: 10 -11a, 16**

And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you...

For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.



John 3: 5 – 8

Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

So don't be surprised when I say,  
'You must be born again.'



# *Receive*

## *1. Dechomai*

to welcome, to accept



# Receive

## 1. *Dechomai*

to welcome, to accept



## 2. *Lambano*

to take, to lay hold of...





Ephesians 5:18

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.  
**Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.**



1 Corinthians 14: 1  
Follow the way of love  
and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit,  
especially prophecy.



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