

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE?

Acts 2:37–47 (KJV)

Introduction

Church, today I want to ask you a simple but powerful question:

"What is your attitude?"

Your attitude determines your direction.

Your attitude determines your actions.

Your attitude determines whether you draw near to God or walk away from Him.

Two people can hear the same message and respond differently.

One hardens his heart.

Another falls on his knees.

The difference is often attitude.

Today we look at one of the greatest moments in the history of the church—the day of Pentecost.

Jesus had died.

Jesus had risen.

Jesus had ascended.

Now the disciples stood before the very people who had rejected Christ.

They had a choice:

- Stay silent and stay safe.
- Speak truth and risk everything.

Peter and the disciples chose courage over comfort.

And because of their attitude, thousands were saved.

I. THE ATTITUDE OF COURAGE

The Disciples Risked Everything

Think about Peter.

Just weeks earlier Peter denied Jesus three times.

He was afraid of a servant girl.

But now something had changed.

The Holy Ghost had filled him.

The man who once hid now stood publicly before thousands.

He was preaching in the same city where Jesus had been crucified.

The religious leaders who killed Christ were still there.

Peter could have been arrested.

Peter could have been beaten.

Peter could have been killed.

Yet he stood.

Why?

Because when God changes your heart, He changes your attitude.

Acts 2:36 (KJV)

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

Peter did not soften the message.

He told the truth.

Church, sometimes our greatest problem is not ability—it is attitude.

The disciples did the impossible because they believed Jesus was worth the risk.

Question for us:

- Are we willing to stand for Christ when it costs us?

- Are we willing to speak truth in a world that rejects truth?
- Is our attitude one of courage or compromise?

II. THE ATTITUDE OF CONVICTION

The People Were Pricked in Their Hearts

Acts 2:37 (KJV)

"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?"

Notice something.

The people did not get angry first.

They got convicted.

The Word of God pierced their hearts.

A right attitude begins when we stop defending ourselves and start examining ourselves.

The crowd realized:

"We crucified the Messiah."

Their attitude changed from pride to repentance.

There are two kinds of attitudes in church:

1. The attitude that says:

"Don't tell me what I'm doing wrong."

2. The attitude that says:

"Lord, show me what I need to change."

The second attitude changes lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV)

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit..."

The Word still pierces hearts today.

The question is:

How is your attitude when God speaks?

III. THE ATTITUDE OF REPENTANCE

Acts 2:38 (KJV)

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."

Repentance is an attitude before it becomes an action.

Repentance says:

- I was wrong.
- God is right.
- I will turn from my way to His way.

Many people want salvation without surrender.

But the Bible teaches repentance.

A changed heart produces a changed life.

Proverbs 28:13 (KJV)

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

The greatest miracle is not physical healing.

The greatest miracle is a changed heart.

IV. THE ATTITUDE OF OBEDIENCE

Three Thousand Responded

Acts 2:41 (KJV)

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

Notice the word:

"Gladly."

Attitude matters.

They did not reluctantly obey.

They gladly obeyed.

Three thousand souls were added in one day.

Why?

Because a few disciples had courage,
and thousands had hearts willing to respond.

One act of obedience can change generations.

Imagine:

Twelve disciples.

Three thousand converts.

Humanly impossible.

But with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26 (KJV)

"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

V. THE ATTITUDE OF FAITHFULNESS

Acts 2:42 (KJV)

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Notice—they continued.

Salvation is not just a moment.

Discipleship is a lifestyle.

Their attitude was:

- Teach me.
- Let me fellowship.
- Let me pray.
- Let me grow.

Many start strong but do not continue.

God is looking for faithful people.

Galatians 6:9 (KJV)

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

VI. THE ATTITUDE OF HOLY FEAR

Acts 2:43 (KJV)

"And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles."

This was not fear of man.

This was reverence for God.

When people truly encounter God, respect for holy things returns.

The church today does not need more entertainment.

The church needs more reverence.

Proverbs 9:10 (KJV)

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom..."

VII. THE ATTITUDE OF GENEROSITY AND UNITY

Acts 2:44–45 (KJV)

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common;
And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need."
They cared for one another.

Their attitude was not:

"What can I get?"

Their attitude was:

"How can I help?"

The early church loved sacrificially.

Real Christianity affects how we treat others.

Philippians 2:4 (KJV)

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."

VIII. THE ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP AND JOY

Acts 2:46 (KJV)

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,"

They worshiped together.

They had joy together.

They served together.

Notice:

Gladness.

Singleness of heart.

No division.

No selfish ambition.

The world is filled with anger and division.

But the church should be filled with joy and unity.

Psalms 122:1 (KJV)

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."

IX. THE RESULT OF THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

Acts 2:47 (KJV)

"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Notice who added to the church:

The Lord did.

When God's people have the right attitude:

- Courage
- Repentance
- Obedience
- Faithfulness
- Reverence
- Generosity
- Unity

God brings increase.

We do not build the church.

God builds the church.

But He uses people with the right attitude.

Conclusion

Church, today I ask:

What is your attitude?

Are you like Peter—bold for Christ?

Are you like the crowd—ready to repent?

Are you like the early church—faithful, joyful, and united?

Your attitude today can change your eternity tomorrow.

Philippians 2:5 (KJV)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:"

May we have the attitude of Christ.

Altar Call

If your attitude has drifted—

come to Jesus.

If your fire has grown cold—

come to Jesus.

If you need courage—

come to Jesus.

If you need forgiveness—

come to Jesus.

Because the same God who transformed Peter can transform you today.

Amen.