

Rejecting the Purpose of God for ourselves

Luke 7:28-30

John's Baptism

- From heaven or men?
 - Foretold
 - Birth events
 - All Judea

Kingdom of God

- **Spiritual**
- **NOT everyone enter it**
- **Many ‘religious’**
 - **but not GODLY**

Born Again

- **John 3:3-5**
 - even Israel's leaders
- **Romans 2:28-29**
 - Jew – inwardly
 - as well as outward

Submit to God's conditions

- Revealed through prophets
- Declare God 'just' –
- Jesus was baptized – Mtt. 4:15
 - fulfill all righteousness
- Repent –
- Baptized for remission of sins

Pharisees Rejected

- God' s PURPOSE – revealed
- People free to choose / reject
- Reject purpose
- NOT annul God' s Word

WHY reject ?

- Demand of repentance
- John ‘insulted them’
- Lose their ‘position’
- It was ‘new’

Acts 2:36

- **36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”**

Acts 2:37

- **37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”**

Acts 2:38

- **38 And Peter said to them, “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.**

Acts 2:41

- **41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.**

