

Lesson 2



PRE-CLASS HOMEWORK QUESTIONS: (See page ii on how to submit answers in advance)

If you are a Christian, what is the story of your conversion to Jesus Christ?

I. KNOW. What do the scriptures say?

A. Stage Setter: Read [Acts 2](#) and answer the following questions:

1. What message did the crowd hear? (2:14-36) Was the sermon full of hope, hopelessness, both, or neither? Explain.
2. What was the crowd's response to what they heard? (2:37)
3. What was Peter's answer and how did they respond to it? (2:38-42)
4. What was the end result of this preaching? (2:43-47)

B. LEARNING of Hope.

1. According to [Colossians 1:3-8](#) and [1:25-28](#), how did they learn about this great hope?
2. According to [Romans 10:8-15](#), how do we learn about this great hope and salvation?
3. According to Jesus in [John 3:16](#), what is the hope for those who believe in Him?

We, like those in Jerusalem, Rome, and Colosse, can hear, believe (have faith) and respond to this hope of which we had no right or access to other than in Jesus Christ. Or, we can reject Christ and remain without hope (Ephesians 2:11-12).

C. BORN AGAIN into Hope

Key verses on Born Again: [Colossians 1:13-14, 19-20](#); [Colossians 2:11-15, 20](#); John 3:3-5; Romans 6:1-6. Galatians 3:26-29

1. According to [Colossians 1:13-14, 19-20](#), what did God do to give us the hope of salvation?
2. According to [Colossians 2:11-14, 20](#), what happens when we are baptized?
3. According to [Romans 6:1-6](#), what happens when we are baptized?
4. According to Jesus in [John 3:3-5](#), what is necessary to enter into this eternal kingdom of hope?
5. What was the further reaction of those who heard, believed and were baptized in [Acts 8:5-13](#) and [8:35-39](#)?

We, like those in Jerusalem, Rome, and Colosse, must hear, believe, and die to the sinful man through baptism. In this spiritual death and burial, God raises us to a new life in Christ where there is forgiveness of sins, reconciliation, and the hope of glory.

Simply put, in Him, God makes us __ H O __ E for H O P E.

We, like those in Samaria and Ethiopia, can rejoice in hope now and for eternity!

II. FEEL. What is my response?

- A. What's your reaction to God's calling (through the gospel of hope) to be saved?
- B. What is it like when I am truly praising and rejoicing in good things, like this hope?

III. DO. What action(s) will I take?

- A. Find 10 minutes each day to simply rejoice in the Lord for what He offers you. Conduct a word search about rejoicing in your Bible to inspire you further.
- B. Continue to pray for the two people you identified in Lesson 1 that you will share this good news of the hope that you have within you. Do they see you as a rejoicing person?