

Stone Soup, or Sine Qua Non

- Stone Soup
- Sine Qua Non = “without which, not”
 - An essential condition or action
 - “Without this, you’re going nowhere!”
- Examples?
 - “Chemistry” of a team or relationship
 - Drive a car: key and gas
- Which model better describes a Christian church?

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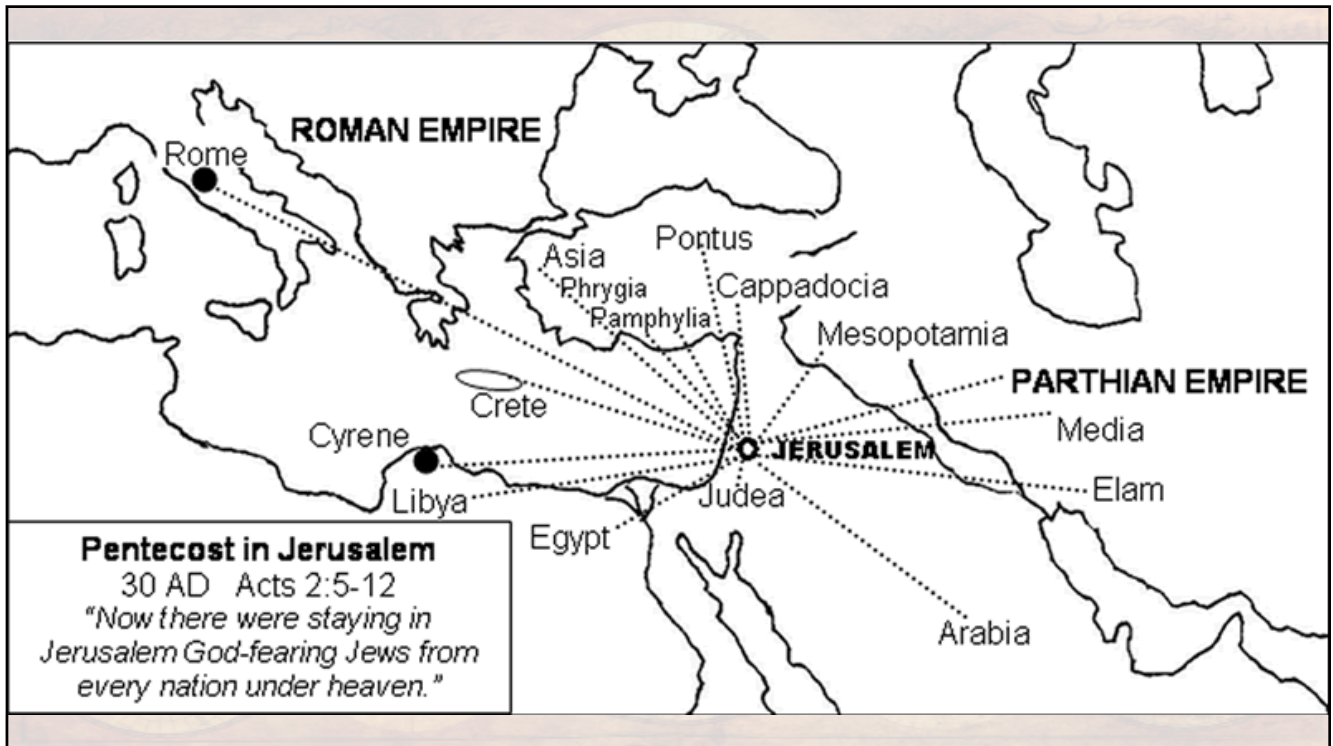
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“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this:

God has made this Jesus,
 whom you crucified,
 both Lord and Messiah.” *Acts 2:36*

**IGNORED, FORGOTTEN,
 BELITTLED, JUDGED,
 DISOBEYED, HOPED IN
 OTHER PEOPLE OR THINGS**

GOD

SAVIOR

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At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the **washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:3-7

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The Big Idea

God the Father **HIS PLAN AND PROMISE**
 God the Son **JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION**
 and God the Holy Spirit **HIS EMPOWERING PRESENCE IN US**
 are the absolutely necessary
 foundation and power of the church
 which is filled with people who have ignored, forgotten,
 belittled, judged, and disobeyed Jesus Christ
 and are welcomed freely by His grace through faith
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Implications

- Enter the church (God's family) through Jesus Christ alone
 - **Repent:** change of mind, radical reorientation
 - From:** Hope in self or in others, or no hope at all
 - To:** Hope in Christ alone (for self and for the church)
 - **Be baptized** in Jesus' name (identity, authority, promise)
 - **Internal:** The "washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"
 - **External:** Literally covering with water as a visible and communal sign of the internal reality

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- Enter the church (God's family) through Jesus Christ alone
- Live in the power of the Spirit: individually and together
 - Hope: not in...
 - Self or someone else or a group of people
 - A vision
 - A technique or strategy or dialogue or...
 - Hope in God through...
 - Prayer
 - Obedience to God
 - Fellowship with Christ and Christ's people

Implications

- Enter the church (God's family) through Jesus Christ alone
- Live in the power of the Spirit: individually and together
- Rejoice in and proclaim this Good News
 - “For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.” *2 Corinthians 4:5*
 - We who come with unclean hands and unclean hearts are washed by God once for all (justification) and through daily renewal (sanctification) to be God's people together by His power for His glory

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