

False Doctrines Refuted By Acts 2

Part 4

Introduction.

1. This is the final lesson on false doctrines refuted by Acts 2.
2. In the table below is a list of the false doctrines clearly refuted by Acts 2.
3. Lesson 4 will concentrate on two additional false doctrines refuted by Acts 2.

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Jesus Was A Mere Man

1. The modernist falsely claims Jesus was a mere man.
 - a. Some are willing to accept Jesus lived a good moral life and even should be emulated in some ways, but strongly contend He was just a man.
 - b. They deny His Deity, His miracles and especially His resurrection from the dead.
 - c. They deny His teachings were from God if they even believe in God.
 - d. There are several religions, such as Judaism and Islam, that view Jesus as a prophet and not Deity.
2. Peter clearly denies their view of Jesus in Acts 2. (Acts 2:22-32).

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

Acts 2:23 this {Man,} delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put {Him} to death.

Acts 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Acts 2:25 "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

Acts 2:26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

Acts 2:27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

Acts 2:28 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'

Acts 2:29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT {one} OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

Acts 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Acts 2:32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

- a. Peter exclaims Jesus was the fulfillment of Psalms 16:10. (Acts 2:27).

Ps 16:10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.

- b. Peter states this psalm did not refer to David who was still in the grave. (Acts 2:29).

- c. He argues this refers to Jesus who was raised from the dead. (Acts 2:31,32).

- 1) His body was not left to rot in the grave. The Greek word "psuche" [soul] in this context, has the meaning of "corpse, dead body." (Num. 6:6).

Num 6:6 'All the days of his separation to the LORD he shall not go near to a dead person.

- 2) The Hebrew word "nephesh" is often translated "soul," but it has the meaning of "dead body, corpse" in Numbers.

- 3) It was raised from the grave as had been prophesied.

- 4) It is evident from Acts 13 that David was not speaking of himself, but he was speaking of the corpse of Jesus.

- 5) Paul later confirmed this fact. (Acts 13:29-37).

Acts 13:29 "When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb.

Acts 13:30 "But God raised Him from the dead;

Acts 13:31 and for many days He appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now His witnesses to the people.

Acts 13:32 "And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,

Acts 13:33 that God has fulfilled this {promise} to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.'

Acts 13:34 "{As for the fact} that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY {and} SURE {blessings} OF DAVID.'

Acts 13:35 "Therefore He also says in another {Psalm,} 'YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO

UNDERGO DECAY.'

Acts 13:36 "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;

Acts 13:37 but He whom God raised did not undergo decay.

d. Peter sets forth that the apostles were witnesses of the resurrection. (Acts 2:32).

e. Paul later refers to the fact that the apostles, including himself, were witnesses of the resurrection. (1 Cor. 15:5-8).

1 Cor 15:5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Cor 15:6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

1 Cor 15:7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

1 Cor 15:8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

3. The Deity of Jesus is also substantiated by His miracles as Acts 2 reveals. (Acts 2:22).

a. It is interesting that even the enemies of Jesus' day could not deny His miraculous power. (Matt. 9:33-34; 12:23-24).

Matt 9:33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, {and were} saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

Matt 9:34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

Matt 12:23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"

Matt 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard {this,} they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."

b. His enemies tried to argue He did miracles by the devil, but they could not deny His miracles.

4. We know, as Nicodemus did, that Jesus was from God. (Jn. 3:1,2).

John 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

John 3:2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God {as} a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

5. We should never forget the words of John the apostle. (Jn. 20:30-31).

John 20:30 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

John 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Jesus Is Not Now Reigning As King

1. Acts 2 refutes the teaching of many premillennialists that Jesus is not now reigning as King.

2. Peter clearly contradicts this doctrine in Acts 2. (Acts 2:30, 33-36).

Acts 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH

TO SEAT {one} OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

Acts 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Acts 2:34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

Acts 2:35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'"

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

- a. Peter states that Jesus is now reigning on David's throne. (Acts 2:30).
- b. In verses 33-36 Peter maintains Jesus is "exalted to the right hand of God."
- c. The Bible teaches that David's throne and God's throne are one and the same. (1 Kgs. 2:12; 1 Chron. 29:23).

1 Kin 2:12 And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established.

1 Chr 29:23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

3. Jesus is now King. (Acts 5:31; 7:55, 56; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 3:21).

Acts 5:31 "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

Acts 7:56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Eph 1:20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly {places,}

Heb 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"?

Heb 8:1 Now the main point in what has been said {is this:} we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

1 Pet 3:22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

Rev 3:21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat

down with My Father on His throne.

4. Jesus was given supreme authority, rule, power, and dominion. (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Phil. 2:9-10; Col. 2:10; Rev. 1:5; 17:14; 19:16).

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Eph 1:22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

Eph 1:23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Phil 2:9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

Phil 2:10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth

Col 2:10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him {are the} called and chosen and faithful."

Rev 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

5. Those in the church are in Christ's kingdom. (Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:28; Rev. 1:9).

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance {which are} in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

6. When Christ comes again He will return the kingdom back to the Father. (1 Cor. 15:24-26).

1 Cor 15:24 then {comes} the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

1 Cor 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

1 Cor 15:26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

a. Christ is now reigning as King.

b. He must reign until "death"... "the last enemy" is "abolished."

c. Death will be destroyed at His coming. (Jn. 5:28-29).

John 5:28 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, John 5:29 and will come forth; those who did the good {deeds} to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil {deeds} to a resurrection of judgment.

- d. Jesus will then submit Himself "to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all." (1 Cor. 15:28).

Conclusion.

1. Acts 2 is one of the great chapters of the Bible because of the great truths it reveals.
2. It is also one of the great chapters of the Bible because of the many false doctrines its refutes.

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