



Get Out of the BOX

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According to Google Translate

- At the age of about 20, the drug-dependent heathen of the [hippie movement](#) belonged, was in prison several times, and occupied itself with [occultism](#) . In 1974, he said he had a conversion experience during a drug [party](#) , which should have freed him from his drug addiction. On the same night, his wife Irene was said to have had a similar experience independently of him. After this experience, a radical lifestyle change began for the couple Heidenreich.
- In 1977 Heidenreich came to Lüdenscheid to become a free Christian youth community, whose leader he became in 1980, from 2013 their president. The missionary movement, which is the [result](#) of the [Jesus-People](#) movement, includes about 50 members of the life and service community, a [house church movement](#) , a training center for missionary missions, and stationary drug rehabilitation in Lüdenscheid and Vienna, as well as the social missionary association HELP International. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#)
- In the years 1992 and 1994, Heidenreich led the *march for Jesus* in Berlin with over 135,000 participants.



Let the Miracles Begin!

- ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”
- ³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “**Repent**, and each of you **be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**; and **you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**.”



The Original Gospel Message

- Not do better/try harder, or go out and make the world a better place and be a better person
- **Repent** – stop believing what you used to believe and believe the Gospel instead
- **Be Baptized** as a confirmation of repentance
- **Receive the Holy Spirit**



The First Sermon ...

- Was about surrendering to the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit – WHY
- Because Christianity is about Relationship, not religion
- It is about our weakness being swallowed up in His Power
- It is about miraculous, mind-blowing, life changing Power and Presence of God invading the world, changing lives and changing the world as a result



Previously In the Book of Acts

- **8 but you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- **and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



Which Means

- The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to tell what you have experienced - with *miraculous* results!!!!!!
- But you must be willing to tell your Story!!



The End of the Beginning

- ³⁹ For the **promise** is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”
- ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this **perverse** (*skolios*) generation!”
- ⁴¹ So then, those who had **received his word** were baptized; and that day there were added about **three thousand souls.**



Now What?!?!

- ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to:
 - the apostles' teaching
 - and to fellowship,
 - to the breaking of bread
 - and [[ao](#)]to prayer.
- The ONLY NT Church Blueprint – today, it is out of balance today

Back to Walter Heidenreich



“You Americans have God in a Teaching Box. You always think you have to be learning something new – accumulating new knowledge about something, thinking that there is some new insight or idea out there that you have been missing, and if you could just find it and learn it, you would finally get what you need from God.

You are wrong. You don’t need to learn something new. You need to be obedient to and start practicing what you already know. Get God out of the Box and let him BE GOD in your life.”



Hebrews 5:11-14

- Concerning [g]him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though [h]by this time **you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the [i]elementary principles of the oracles of God,** and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of **PRACTICE** have their senses trained to discern good and evil.



Learning vs Practicing (Doing)

- Quick Check
 - the apostles' teaching
 - and to fellowship,
 - to the breaking of bread
 - and [ao]to prayer.
- Where are you/us/everyone weakest?
- Prayer
 - Petition – where we ask/tell God
 - Prophetic – Where we listen and obey God



Get out of the Teaching Box

- Start practicing what you know
 - How well are you/we practicing the things we have already learned?
 - How often do you/we spend time listening for and to the Voice of God; resting in his presence and being led by Him, as opposed to giving him a quick list of stuff we want him to get done for us today?
 - What can you do in the next 24 hours to change that?



Our Mission, Our Message – You are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY