Introduction:

1. **Calling on the name of the Lord**
   1. **Acts chapter 2** - Peter establishes the context of what will transpire in the **“Last Days”…**
   2. **Acts 2:16,** *“****this is what (that)*** *was* ***spoken of through the prophet Joel****; and* ***it shall be in the last days****…”*
   3. **Peter, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit (vs. 4) is declaring that the “last days are here!”**
   4. The Bible speaks of **6 key things** that will take place in the “***last days***”.
   5. All of these characteristics of ***“the last days”*** will continue to apply until **the kingdom is returned back to the Father** and this earth is no more.
2. **The Holy Spirit to be outpoured and salvation to be offered. (Joel 2:28-32):**
   1. *“That I will* ***pour out My Spirit*** *on all mankind... and it shall be, that* ***everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved****.”*
   2. Promised by Jesus. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5; cf., John 16:12-13)
   3. Here in Acts chapter 2, we see the apostles being baptized in the Holy Spirit and the opportunity to be saved extended.
   4. This is “***the beginning***”. (Acts 11:15)
   5. The **culmination of God’s plan**. (1 Peter 1:7-12)
3. **Souls will be convicted of their sin and come trembling before God. (Hosea 3:5)**
   1. *“Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and* ***they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days****”*
   2. **People will seek a remedy to the sin which they have been convicted of**. (Acts 2:36-37; 16:29-30; Cf., Ezra 10:9 & Phil. 2:12)
4. **God’s scheme of redemption to be revealed. (Jeremiah 23:20) -** 
   1. “*The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has* ***performed and carried out******the purposes of His heart; in the last days you will clearly understand it***.”
   2. **God would make known His plan to save man** in the last days. (Ephesians 3:3-5, 8-11; Colossians 1:25-29; 4:3)
   3. **First happened on the day of Pentecost** when Peter responded to the question, “***what shall we do?”*** (Acts 2:37-38)
   4. **Same means of redemption today. (1 Peter 1:21-25)**
5. **The Kingdom Will Be Established. (Isaiah 2:2)** 
   1. *“Now it will come about that* ***in the last days****,* ***The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established*** *as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And* ***all the nations will stream to it****.” (***Cf., Isaiah 2:2-3; Luke 24:47)**
   2. **A Kingdom that would never be destroyed** and whose ruler would reign forever   
      (**Daniel 2:44; 2 Samuel 7:13-14)** until it is delivered back to the Father. **(1 Corinthians 15:24)**
   3. **The Kingdom is the church** which is **part of God’s eternal plan. (Matthew 16:18-19; Ephesians 1:3-5; 3:8-11)**
6. **The “Last Days” in the New Testament**
   1. **God speaks to us through His Son**. (**Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 17:5; John 6:44-45, 63, 68; 14:10-12)**
   2. **His words will judge us. (John 12:48-50)**
   3. **Opposition and difficult times will come**. **(2 Timothy 3:1; 2 Peter 3:3)**
   4. **Which we can and must endure to the end. (Hebrews 10:35-39; James 1:2-4)**