

The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

1. Whoever Calls on the Name of the Lord Shall be Saved. – vs. 21
2. He Will Pour out His Spirit Upon All People. – vs. 17
3. We Are Unified Through His Holy Spirit – vs. 6-8

Conclusion: The Holy Spirit is the power behind Christ’s message that drives the gospel message past human ears and targets the soul of the listener. The Spirit transforms us from glory to glory.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of June 5-11, 2022

In the second chapter of the book of Acts we read the account of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples.

Ice Breaker: Share a time you became aware of the Holy Spirit guiding you over your own thoughts. What was your reaction?

Read Acts 2:1-21

1. What happened in verses 2 through 4 on the day of Pentecost?
2. Describe what it might have looked like to those standing outside?
3. How do verses 5 through 12 describe the onlooker’s reaction?
4. While some were amazed at what they saw, others were critical. What did the critics say? (vs. 13)
5. Why are we or others critical of something supernatural? What prompts our criticism?
6. What was Peter’s reaction to the criticism? (vs. 14-15)
7. What does Peter reference to explain what the onlookers saw in verses 16-20?
8. What does this teach us about the importance of knowing God’s Word and His promises for His people?
9. How are we to share God’s Word and truth with others?
10. Does Peter suggest in any way what happened was only for the Apostles? (vs. 17). Does he teach the infilling of the Holy Spirit was a one-time act? What does this mean then for you and me today?
11. Why might we doubt the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and others today? Is God different today then He was at Pentecost? Has His power or purpose changed? Has the Spirit changed?
12. What was the purpose of Pentecost? What does He want us to believe and receive?
13. Why might we resist the working of the Holy Spirit in us?
14. What does the Holy Spirit’s power in us have to do with the abundant life Jesus offers us? Can we have that life without the Holy Spirit?
15. What is Peter’s final promise to the onlooker in verse 21? What encouragement do we have? What is our responsibility with this promise? How does the Holy Spirit help us?

Point to ponder: It has always been God’s plan to pour out His spirit upon all people! Let our hearts respond to what the Spirit is teaching us. Let us act in bold faith when the Spirit calls us.