

ACTS

CHAPTER 2:16-47

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TITLE:

“THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

Awhile back we had a slot-car set, and after getting it all set up (*I thought*) I put the cars into position, got down at eye level for effect, told the girls to floor-it !!! - - NOTHING. GIVE EM' MORE POWER ! YELLED THE PITS - - NOTHING. I had missed plugging the transformer all the way into the wall (115 Volts buzzing just out of reach)

The Power of Pentecost. The Empowering vv. 1-13

The Power of Pentecost;

we saw the power of Pentecost. being manifest in sounds *LIKE a rushing, mighty wind*. Followed by the appearance of tongues that looked *LIKE fire upon their heads*.

Acts 2:12-13

So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean? :13
Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine.

The Preaching of Pentecost The Message vv. 14-36

A.) Verse 14-21

Peter gives The Scriptural basis for what is happening

Verse 16

Peter, says... **THIS IS IT !**

Acts 2:16

But this... (what you hear and see)
is what (the context, the meaning of) was spoken by the prophet Joel

Pastor Peter, under the inspiration of the Spirit

Quoting Joel 2:28

A text of scripture pointing to the Nation Israel during the Tribulation,
2nd Coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

The Reliability of the Bible;

2 Peter 1:21

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were *moved* (carried along or maneuvered) by the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
Verse 18 & 19

Nearly 2,000 years have passed

**Have you noticed that God pays
no attention to what time it is...**

Whenever I'm in a hurry, He's Not ! ... and I can't get Him in a hurry.
Day-Timers & Coo-Coo Clocks, Chimes, Austrian-Lodge Clock.

I even got a bigger watch so God could see it easier

B.) Verses 22-36

Peter Makes the Scriptural Application toward them

Verse 23

**(1) you have taken by lawless hands, (2) you have crucified, and
(3) you put to death.**

? Do you know that my sin, your sin nailed Jesus to the cross.

That He, who knew no sin became sin for us.
- as our substitute.

That Jesus was in my place, in your place...

? Can you see yourself deserving hell & death.

? have you seen your own sin...

Heredity & Hand-Me-Downs;

- *I've been told that I have my father's nose & ears*
- *And that my brother has my mother's skin color*
- *And that my sister has my dad's eyes*

I also have the Nature that was handed down in Adam

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

We Need A Transfusion...

S.I.N. POSITIVE

to

N.E.W. POSITIVE

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new.**

Ephesians 4:24

... you **put on the new man** which was created according to God,
in true righteousness and holiness.

Phil 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

The Results of Pentecost.

The Harvest

vv. 37-47

Cut

NOT cataridzo but (kat-an-oos'-so);
to slice thoroughly, to twist violently. cut to the quick !!!

Verse 38

Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ *for (on the account of, you have turned to Him and away from sin.)* and you shall receive the Holy Spirit

JESUS SAID,

John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and "GREATER WORKS" than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT)

"GREATER WORKS"

THE EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

As wonderful as a healing is... it is a temporary fix
As wonderful as a tongue is... it is a temporary use
As wonderful as miracles are... it is a temporary help

IF THE BLOOD AND CROSS IS NOT PREACHED THERE CANNOT BE REPENTANCE FROM SIN.

A Church Absent of the Holy Spirit is like a Hospital with its doors locked. It's Only A Facade

IT'S BECOME NOTHING MORE THEN A NON-*PROPHET* ORG.
JESUS SAID,

Luke 19:10

"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Verse 40

Be *saved* from this perverse (staggering) generation...

saved GRK *sozo* (*sode'-zo*)

to get out from underneath, to be delivered from, to find protection, to be healed,

Peter Puts it upon them... **CHOOSE CHRIST !**

what will happen to you when you die

Romans 6:23

For the **wages** of sin is death, but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One You Earn, One You Receive

Matthew 20:28b

Jesus said that "He came to give His life a **ransom** for many."

2 Corinthians 5:19

that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself

"The Scriptural Application is" Decision...

John 15:26

"But when the Helper (Counselor) comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will **testify** of Me.

testify

GRK

martureo (mar-too-reh'-o) *will witness,*
to give faithful evidence, to state the facts

John 16:14

"He will **testify, glorify, exalt** Me,
for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- A Witness !!!

Verse 41

This Verse haunts me...

Gladly

GRK (as-men'-oce) *to have strong assurance, to have deep pleasure. To recognize something and to seize it*

You might wonder **why would anyone get involved** in missionary work ?

Acts 13:48

... when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord.
And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Verses 42-47

The Characteristics of a Model Church

A Learning Church;

Verse 42 *They were continuing steadfast in the apostle's doctrine*

A Fellowshiping Church;

Verse 42 *They "banded" together. in unity, to dwell in unity*

87% of America's Churches have deleted their mid-week service because of a lack of attendance.

90% of America's Churches have shortened their Sunday morning messages as requested by its people.

A Praying Church;

Verse 42 *They met the challenges by meeting with God first*

A Reverent Church;

Verse 43 *They were in AWE of God, for who he is.*

An Active Church;

Verse 43 *They expected great things too, so they did great things*

A Sharing Church;

Verses 44,45 *They had genuine concern for each other*

A Worshipping Church;

Verse 46 *God inhabits the praises of His people. they wanted Him.*

A Joyful Church

Verse 46 *They were glad for the "abundant life"*

A Witnessing Church

Verse 47 *They were "favored" charis, grace received & given out.*

MY HEART'S DESIRE IS TO SEE YOU GROW DEEP, ROOTED & GROUNDED IN THE SPIRIT...

Remember, Jesus had said;

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and "you shall be witnesses..."

Witnesses GRK martus, martyr. a witness is one who...

- **PROCLAIMS** what he believes
- He **LIVES** what he believes,
- He **IS** what he believes,
- He is willing to **DIE** for what he believes

Agabus, The Girdle and Paul

Acts 21:12-13

And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. **13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.**

Unstoppable

We are all witnesses, Martyrs. Our lives are like books. People are reading our lives, they're watching us, judging us.