

ACTS 2; October 3; The Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

ANALYSIS:

1. What happened to the disciples on the day of Pentecost?

2. How many different groups of people heard the disciples speak in their language? _____

3. How does Peter answer their question, "What meaneth this?"

4. What O. T. prophet does Peter quote who foretold the resurrection of Christ? _____

5. What did Peter tell the people to do who asked, "Men and brethren, What shall we do?" _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The coming of the Holy Spirit, as the promise of the Father (1:4-5, 8), was a most important event for the church of Jesus Christ. Consider how the word "this" is used to identify and explain the Holy Spirit's presence and power. As the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to speak in other languages, "this was noised abroad" (v 6), causing the multitude to ask in amazement, "What meanest this?" (v 12). Spirit-led Peter then declares "this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (vs 14, 16), and explains that Joel 2:28-32 was being fulfilled that day in Jerusalem. Peter gives the resurrected and exalted Christ, whom they by wicked hands had crucified and slain, all the credit for having "shed for this, which ye now see and hear" (v 33). Some three thousand souls repented and were baptized that day. Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ!

How important for us to see that Joel 2:28-32 was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem as the disciples spoke in foreign languages and brought great conviction to thousands of people. We are not looking for the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy today as Jimmy Swaggart preaches. He is wrong, because Joel's prophecy has already been fulfilled.

HELP:

1. The disciples were together in one place on the day of Pentecost, a sound as of a mighty wind filled the house, cloven tongues like as of fire sat on each of them, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, they spake with other tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance (vs 1-4).

2. 17 different groups, who asked "What meaneth this?" (v 9-12).

3. Peter quotes the O. T. prophet Joel 2:28-32 as being fulfilled by this pouring out of the Spirit (vs 14-21).

4. Peter quotes David in verses 25-31, from Psalm 16:8-11.

5. Repent and be baptized (v 38).