

What Does This Mean?
Acts 2:1-13

Getting Started

- ❖ When it comes to the Holy Spirit and the more miraculous spiritual gifts like tongues and healing, do you have unanswered questions or conflicting/confusing ideas?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Context of Pentecost (v.1-11)
2. The Significance of Pentecost (v.12-13)
3. The Misapplication of Pentecost
4. The Application of Pentecost (v.4,11-12)

Takeaway Truth: Pentecost signifies for God's people the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant and the dawning of a new age.

Digging Deeper

- ❖ Revisit the sermon and sermon outline. Read the sermon text and answer the following:
 - What stood out to you in the sermon? Did anything in particular challenge or intrigue you? Did you gain a better appreciation and understanding of Pentecost and the gift of tongues?
 - Describe in detail, as if you were a reporter covering an important story, what happened on the day of Pentecost.
 - What were the different reactions to these events?
 - When Luke spoke of the international nature of the crowd which collected, he was speaking from his own horizon—the Greco-Roman world situated around the Mediterranean basin, every nation in which there were Jews. This was the international, multilingual crowd which gathered around the 120 believers. Why do you think Luke emphasizes this fact?
 - What were the two responses within the onlookers to the phenomenon of all these Galileans speaking in foreign languages?

- ❖ (For some Extra Bible Study) **Read Isaiah 44:3, Jeremiah 31:29-34, Ezekiel 36:25-27, Luke 3:15-16.** How do these Old Testament prophecies relate to Pentecost? How does primarily understanding Pentecost as the fulfillment of Sovereign redemptive-historical appointment and promises shape our understanding of this passage?

Apply It!

- ❖ Jerry mentioned that both Charismatics and Non-Charismatics easily err in their understanding of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts. The pendulum can swing to one extreme or another and we end up being imbalanced as it relates to our filling with the Holy Spirit. Have you seen this happen in your own life?
- ❖ How have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit in your life or in the ministry of someone else?
- ❖ What difference do you think it would make if the Holy Spirit were withdrawn from your life and Church?

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- ❖ In Acts, there is always a close connection between the activity of God's Spirit and the proclamation of the gospel. Time and again those who experience the baptism or filling of the Spirit begin immediately speaking with others the truth about God and His Son, Jesus Christ. How vocal are you about the things of God? To what do you ascribe this?
- ❖ Reflect on your prayer habits (and your group's). What specifically and practically can you do this week to emulate the early church in this area?

Think About It!

Although I think it extremely dangerous to pursue a second blessing attested by tongues, I think it no less dangerous not to pant after God at all, and to be satisfied with a merely creedal Christianity that is kosher but complacent, orthodox but ossified, sound but soundly asleep. (D.A. Carson)

Note from Pastor Jerry: For this year's CG questions, group resources and Bible studies from John Stott (Acts Seeing the Spirit at Work), John MacArthur (MacArthur Bible Studies: Acts), Jack Hayford (Kingdom Power) and Max Lucado (Life Lessons from the Book of Acts) are used in addition to original material.

WORSHIP RESOURCE

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WORSHIP SONGS

THE LION AND THE LAMB

*Words and Music by Brenton Brown,
Brian Johnson, and Leeland Mooring, 2015*

He's coming on the clouds kings and kingdoms will bow down,
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion the Lion of Judah, He's roaring with power
and fighting our battles, and every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb the Lamb that was slain,
for the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains,
and every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb,
every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates make way before the King of kings.
Our God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? (repeat) Who can stop the Lord?

HOLY, HOLY (GOD ARE YOU)

Words and Music by Paxson Jeancake, 2012

We look with wonder at each star in the sky,
beholding beauty we can barely describe.
To fall before you is all we can do; holy, holy, God are you.

The veil is rended, opened by grace.
We're drawing closer as well call on your name.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior, faithful and true;
Holy, holy, God are you. There is no one more amazing
in all that you do. Holy, holy, God are you.*

Your daily presence is our refuge and strength.
There's no where higher than down on our knees.
You go before us and carry us through; holy, holy, God are you.

JESUS YOU ALONE

*Words and Music by Jesse Reeves, John Larson,
and Nicole McLean, 2018*

Who is the great King of glory, seated on high in the heavens?
Oh, Jesus, You alone. You are the Lord God Almighty,
strong in compassion and mercy. Oh, Jesus You alone.

I've searched the world for a love that could fill my heart.
Nothing compares to the wonder of who You are.

*Holy, all the earth singing, holy.
All the angels cry, holy. Jesus, You alone. Jesus, You alone.*

You set the stars in the heavens. You set the world into motion.
Oh, Jesus, You alone. You breathed Your life in creation.
You walked among Your creation. Oh, Jesus, You alone.

*Holy, all the earth singing, holy. All the angels cry, holy. Jesus, You
alone. Jesus, You alone. Worthy, all creation sing, worthy.
All the heavens exalt Thee. Jesus, You alone. Jesus, You alone.*

You shed Your blood for salvation. You broke the curse for our
freedom. Oh, Jesus, You alone. You rose from death with the
morning. You'll come again in Your glory. Oh, Jesus, You alone.

HERE IS LOVE

*Words by William Rees (1802-1883) / Music by Robert Lowry, 1876
Additional Words and Music by Matt Redman, 2004*

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood;
When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He will never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious
tide. Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

No love is higher; no love is wider; no love is deeper; no love is truer.

Let me all thy love accepting, love thee ever, all my days.
Let me see thy kingdom only, and my life, be to thy praise.
Thou alone shall be my glory; nothing in this world I seek.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me; thou, thyself, hast set me free.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 108; Haggai 1:1-2:9; Acts 18:24-19:7; Luke 10:25-37

MONDAY | Ps. 73; Zechariah 1:7-17; Rev. 1:4-20; Matt. 12:43-50

TUESDAY | Ps. 12; Ezra 5:1-17; Revelation 4:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9

WEDNESDAY | Ps. 96; Ezra 6:1-22; Revelation 5:1-10; Matt. 13:10-17

THURSDAY | Ps. 26; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Rev. 5:11-6:11; Matt. 13:18-23

FRIDAY | Ps. 84; Nehemiah 2:1-20; Rev. 6:12-7:4; Matthew 13:24-30

SATURDAY | Ps. 90; Nehemiah 4:1-23; Rev. 7:4-17; Matthew 13:31-35

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Gracious Lord, we can look back and see your hand of faithfulness in
our lives; seasons of redemption and restoration, when our mouths
were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy. You
have done great things for us, and we have rejoiced. Restore our
hearts and our health once again, O Lord, like streams in the desert.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. May those who
go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, come home with shouts
of joy, carrying the fruit of your hand. In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.



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