

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?



## **“The Sermon That Dropped it like its Hot”**

Acts 2:14-21 (Part 1 of 2)

(Communion)

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

### **Intro:**

In the book of Acts, there is always a close connection between the activity of God’s Spirit and the preaching of the Gospel.

**(1) • Preach the Gospel and you’ll be on a wild goose chase...** guaranteed... GFA, 25 years old... 10,000 churches, 54 Bible Colleges... 7,000 children ministry workers... 117,000 kids in kids ministry... One man with a vision to take the Gospel to people...

Over and over again, we see that those who experience the baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit begin immediately speaking with others concerning the truth about God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Something that you and I need to know as we study Peter’s sermon is that just fifty days before the Day of Pentecost, he lied about his affiliation with Jesus Christ. He denied ever knowing and following Jesus as a disciple. Then here in Acts Ch. 2, we see what happens in the life of an individual when they come under the influence of the Holy Spirit... **GOD** the Holy Spirit.

Guys, the Day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, was a very important day in the history of the church, but it was also one of the great turning points in the history of our world...

**(2) • Fact:** Acts Ch. 2 really happened... seriously, it did...

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?

Our world could care less about the church's first sermon ever preached... primarily because the world could give a flip about its content... about its message...

And so a lost soul goes on in dark oblivion... some seeking for answers about life and deliberately choosing to look everywhere else except the Bible... and others go on in the darkness of the world with complete carelessness about anything in this life... they're not even seeking...

Guys, tonight, the only help and guidance we have is to be found here... in the pages of the Bible...

(Peter explains the coming of the Holy Spirit)

**Acts 2:14** "Then 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**." **(Expound on what is in bold now)**

50 days ago he was a public denier of Jesus Christ... but now he is a bold public preacher of Jesus Christ. Pentecost made the difference; Peter is now filled with the Spirit.

God uses all kinds of ways to reach people with the gospel... but the means of preaching has always been and will always be the primary tool that God uses to carry forth His truth into the world.

**(3) Romans 10:14-15** "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **(15)** And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**(4-5) Pictures: Dubai Airport at 2:00a.m. & back of seat on Emirates**

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?

**Illustration:** (Eye covers from airplane) Unbelievers are spiritually blind and need someone to shine the light of truth about Jesus into their lives...

**(6) 2 Corinthians 4:4-6 (NLT)** “Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. <sup>5</sup> You see, we don’t go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.”

**(7) (Picture of Seminary teaching session)** These young adult students are training to go out into the world and reach India with the Gospel of Jesus Christ... Pastor Mark and I did a question and answer session with them... people are the same all around the world... many of their questions were basically identical with questions that you guys have asked in the past... questions about life, relationships, dealing with fears, the past, the future, etc...

**(8)** God is going to use them to reach their world with the Gospel.

**(9)** What about us tonight...? Do we know people in our world that are spiritually blind...? God wants to use us to be bold witness for Jesus Christ to reach our world with the Gospel.

Allow Peters life to be such an encouragement to you... His life is an example of how God can restore you and me, no matter what we’ve done and use us powerfully for His purposes and glory...

**Acts 2:15-16** “These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:”

The pounding message of this sermon is that what has happened (death, burial, resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming of the

Holy Spirit) was predicted prophetically through God's servants in the past.

**(10) (T) 2 Peter 1:16-21** "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

**(11) • Fulfilled prophecy is great fact-I can build my life on the Bible**

Because of the fulfilled prophecy in Acts Ch. 2, we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was a fact. Also, in verse 22, we see that Peter says, "Jesus of Nazareth". By saying Jesus of "Nazareth", marks Jesus as having a place in history... "Jesus of Nazareth" is a fact...

So Peter is getting ready to quote Joel 2:28-32 as the Scriptural foundation for what is taking place...

**(12) • God's Word must be the basis for our faith and practice**

Experience alone is not a solid basis for our faith... Peter is not preaching about his experiences... He did not stand up and say, "This is wonderful, and you guys can have the same thing..." No, he said, "This is that which was spoken" ... and he quoted a prophet,

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?

and then another prophet, and he expounded the Scriptures... he expounded the Scriptures in terms of certain facts...

### **Acts 2:17-21 (Read from Bible)**

The events described in Joel are to take place in the last times just prior to the return of Jesus Christ... You see, Acts Ch. 2, the day the Spirit was poured on these Jews, marks the beginning of the “last days” ... Therefore, we believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the church until Christ returns.

- **The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for today** (Story of certain Pastor [do not mention name] who wanted Dr. K.P. to take his commentary's and Bible study material)

Guys, these verses (17-21) are for us... One of the problems we have in the church today in regards to the gifts and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit is that our doctrine and our practices are not working together...

**Read: (13) (T) Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11**

**(14)** (Story of night service when Pastor Mark taught on the baptism of the Holy Spirit... These men calling on God to be filled...)

**Acts 2:21** “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Transition to Communion:** We are already living in the last days... time is running out... The time to call on the name of the Lord is now...

**Examine yourself:** Read **1 Corinthians 11:27-28**

**Have band come and pray:** Pray for salvation and pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit as we prepare for Communion...

What does God want us to know, to feel, and to do?

**Communion Song:** Pass out elements

**(The Bread) 1 Corinthians 11:23-24** “For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, **“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”**

**(The Cup) 1 Corinthians 11:25-26** “In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”** <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”

**Closing Prayer:**