

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



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

Acts 2:15-36 (Part 2 of 2)

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### 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.

**(Do not write) (1) • Preach the Gospel and you’ll be on a wild goose chase...**

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.

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...

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.

**(2)(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."

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...

**(3) • 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,

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

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

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.

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

**(6) (Picture)** (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 (Read)**

- Saved from what? Saved from eternal misery... which is the punishment we all deserve from God. It is against Him that we have rebelled and whom we have offended. We are saved for a new life... a fuller life... a life that leads to glory everlasting... That is God's plan. And so Peter taught the people... and that is the Christian message... that all of us need to be delivered from the guilt and the bondage and the power and the captivity of sin, and it is Christ alone who can deliver us. Again, this is God's plan.

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- **(7) Psalms 86:5** “You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.”
- Because the end has been set in motion already, there is urgency in **v. 21** and in **v. 38**... people need to repent, believe and be saved. **V. 21** reassures that all who call on the Lord’s name will indeed be saved...
- We must tell this simple truth to others... That God is perfect, man is sinful... and the only way that man can have a relationship with God and be saved from His judgment is if we would call of the name of Jesus Christ... then and only then can we be redeemed from our sinful guilty state before a perfect and holy God and have our sins washed away and be made holy and spotless and guiltless... That’s the love of God... that He reaches out through the work of the Cross and saves us and gives us life...
  - **(8) Isaiah 1:18** “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” (Maybe talk about verses 19 &20...)

### **Acts 2:22 (Read)**

- Now here in vs. 22, Peter introduces Jesus... Guys/ladies... when we are talking with friends and family about spiritual things, if we don’t “ring their Jesus bell” we are not getting to the point. The message of the Bible is Jesus... Everybody say, “It’s all about Jesus!”... It is also here in this verse that Peter begins to go on the offensive... How’s that for evangelism 101? As you and I are led by the Spirit of God, He is always looking for someone to save. Peter says, “*Men of Israel, listen to this...*”...
- “Jesus of Nazareth” acts as a historical marker...
- Whether or not you believe that Jesus of Nazareth was a man who walked the earth as God in the flesh doesn’t change anything...
  - Human opinion is not really important here because Jesus was accredited by God:

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- He was accredited by God by His deeds of power and wonders and signs that God did through Jesus...
- And He was accredited by God by God raising Him from the dead. As one commentator [Marshall, *Acts*] points out, “the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not argued for, it is simply proclaimed.”
- **(9) John 14:11** “Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”

### Acts 2:23 **(Read)**

- **(10) God sent Jesus to die for us**
  - Peter pointed out that the crucifixion of Jesus was not an accident. It wasn't mankind out of control... It was the plan of God. This is proved by the fact that it was prophesied in the Scriptures (for example, Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53) many years before it occurred. This is why it is foolish to blame Jesus' Crucifixion on the Jews. If you want to place blame for Jesus' death, look in the mirror. It was for your sins and mine that Jesus died on the cross, and it was God's plan that Jesus should come to give His life for us. (The Word For Today Study Bible – Chuck Smith)
    - **(11) Revelation 13:8** “All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast — all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the **Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.**”

### Acts 2:24 **(Read)**

- **(12) The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the heart of the Gospel message**
- “because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.” The point of this verse and the plan of God through the ages is that God was not going to allow Jesus' ministry and works to end in this fashion... in death... “But God raised him from the dead, freeing him

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*from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.”*

- This is the message of the church today... And wherever the church has denied this message, it has ceased to be a church. It is the central hope of man; we have to proclaim to man that Jesus rose from the dead. Peter said...
  - **(13) 1 Peter 1:3 (NKJV)** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”

### Acts 2:25-28 **(Read)**

- Vs. 27 is prophecy concerning Jesus Christ and that God would not let Jesus see decay...
  - When Jesus died on the Cross, His soul went into hell for three days and three nights... He preached to the captives there.
    - **(14) Isaiah 61:1** “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, **to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...**”
    - **(15) 1 Peter 3:18-19** “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, **<sup>19</sup>through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison...**”
- Notice also that Peter is again quoting from the Scriptures... Notice how he just has the capacity to quote God’s Word with no notes or anything... You see, the Word was not just in his head, but it was sealed on His heart... The people that God uses are people who have hidden His Word away in their heart.
  - **(16) Psalms 119:11** “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

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- As Spurgeon says concerning this verse, “Here is the best thing, - *‘your word;’* hidden in the best place, - *‘in my heart;’* for the best of purposes, - *‘that I might not sin against you.’*”

### Acts 2:29-39 **(Read)**

- What promise? The promise that God made to pour out His Spirit on all flesh. Who is it for? It’s for you, and it’s for your children, and for all who are afar off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.
  - You see, there is also no mention that the pouring out of God’s Spirit was only meant to happen once... but rather all the way down through the church ages leading right up to this very moment... here tonight... God is still pouring out His promised Holy Spirit on all flesh!

### Acts 2:40-41 **(Read and make this our closing prayer)**

**Pray:**