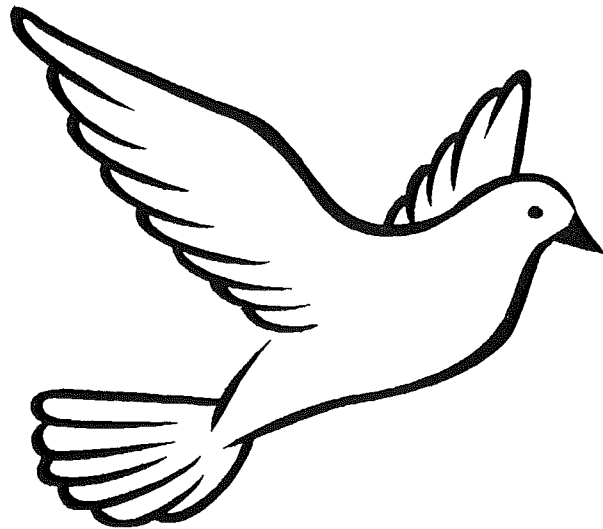


THE PROMISED OUTPOURING

(Peter's Pentecostal Message Of Promise)
Acts 2:37-47



“WHAT SHALL WE DO?”

- ◆ Inspection
- ◆ Impartation
- ◆ Invitation

“Then Peter said, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38)

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Text: Acts 2:14-21 & 37-40
Subject: The Sermon That “Saved The Day”

Introduction

1. In Acts 2:1-4, 120 believers are filled with the Holy Spirit.
 2. In Acts 2:5-13, the spirit-filled church begins to grow.
 3. In Acts 2:14-36, the first sermon ever preached in the new church age occurs.
 4. In Acts 2:37, the response of the listener to the gospel that is preached.
- ◆ It’s the first sermon ever preached in the new church age (after the coming of the Holy Spirit).
 - ◆ It’s a response to doubting, mocking and misunderstanding on the day of Pentecost.

Question: Who’s preaching?

Answer: Peter (verse 14)

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven lifted up his voice and said”

Question: What did Peter say?

Answer: He preached an incredible sermon:

- ◆ In verses 15-21, about Joel’s prophecy.
- ◆ In verses 22-24, about the resurrection of Jesus.
- ◆ In verses 25-36, about the prophecy of David concerning Jesus.

Question: What happened when Peter was finished preaching?

Question: What influence did the Word have upon the heart?

Question: How were the listeners moved upon by God?

Question: And what difference does it make in you and me today?

I. There Was Personal “Inspection”

Question: What was the first thing that occurred when Peter finished?

(Verse 37)

“Now when they heard this (Peter’s message) they were pricked in their heart and said to Peter, what shall we do?”

Question: What happened when Peter preached?

Answer: The people were convicted and cried out, “What shall we do?”

- ◆ The word “Pricked” in the Greek (KATENUGESAN) means: To convict, to sting, to sense pain.

Question: What is conviction?

Answer: It is being pricked in the heart with a tug or a pull.

- ◆ It is the heart feeling a sense of sin.
- ◆ It is sensing a coming up short before God.
- ◆ It is acknowledging “God, you’re right and I am wrong”.

Question: How did the listeners respond to conviction?

Answer: They asked Peter, “What shall we do?”

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Genuine conviction of sin will prompt a genuine response in the heart.

(In Other Words)

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- ◆ A guilty conscience wants to make amends.
- ◆ A convicted conscience wants to see change.
- ◆ A godly sorrow takes inventory (or a personal inspection on the inside).

Question: What did Peter answer the listeners with?

Answer: “Then Peter said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”.

- ◆ The people cried out, “What shall we do?”
- ◆ Peter replied, “**Repent**”

Question: What does it mean to repent?

Answer: It means to turn one’s life around and change. (Steve Green sings “I repent making no excuses, I repent no one else to blame”

Question: What happens to you when you repent and mean business with God in verse 38?

Answer: (V. 38), “For the remission of sins” (which means, you receive something, what is it?)

- #1. Forgiveness that frees a person from all guilt. (and)
- #2. Forgiveness that sees God cast away all sin from the wrong doer.

Question: What else did Peter say?

Answer: “Be water baptized in the Name of the Lord” (or)

- ◆ Identify yourself totally with Jesus.
- ◆ Give testimony to the world that you’ve been saved.
- ◆ Go public with your decision.
- ◆ Be visible with your salvation.
- ◆ Confess before your relationships in life – that you have died to yourself and now live for Jesus.

Why Is Repentance So Important?

- ◆ Because termites destroy more property than do earthquakes around the world.
- ◆ Because cigarettes cause more fires than volcanoes do throughout the world.

Illustration

- ◆ A few years ago, over 150 people drowned in a hover speed craft as it began to cross the English channel. (Why?) Because someone forgot to shut the door.

(#1 – There Was Personal Inspection)

II. There Was Personal “Impartation”

Question: What was Peter’s next response in verse 38?

Answer: (V. 38B), “...ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

(V. 39), “For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off”.

Question: What is God’s desire for every believer?

Answer: That we all receive **the promise of the Father!**

Question: What is this “**Promise of the Father?**”

(It Is Crystal Clear)

- ◆ Acts 1:4-5, “And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem but (what?)... wait for **the promise of the Father**, which saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence”.

Question: What is this promise of the Father?

Answer: Luke 24:49, “And behold, I send **the promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high”. (Pg. 2 of 5)

Question: What is the promise of the Father?

- ◆ Galatians 3:14, "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that we might **receive the promise of the Spirit through faith**".
- ◆ Ephesians 1:13-14, "You were sealed with **the Holy Spirit of promise**, which is the earnest of our inheritance".

Question: What is the Promise of the Father?

Answer: The baptism in the Holy spirit.

- ◆ It is the promise of John the Baptist. (Matthew 3:11)
- ◆ It is the promise of Peter. (Acts 2:39)
- ◆ It is the promise of Joel. (Joel 2:28)
- ◆ It is the promise of Jesus. (John 15:26)
- ◆ It is the promise of the Father and Father cannot lie. (Or He would not be our Father and our God).

Question: Pastor, is the outpouring of the Spirit for everyone who is saved?

Question: Did it extend beyond the day of Pentecost?

Question: Is this Holy Spirit baptism for me in my life?

Question: Is it the normal Christian experience in the Bible?

- #1. In Acts 2:4, (120 on the day of Pentecost) were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues).
- #2. In Acts 4:31, (Those in prayer were baptized in the Holy Spirit).
- #3. In Acts 8:17, (The Samaria believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues).
- #4. In Acts 9:17, (Ananias laid hands on Paul and Paul was baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues). (I Corinthians 14:18)
- #5. In Acts 10:44-48, (The Gentiles at Cornelius' house were baptized in the Holy Spirit, spoke in tongues and magnified God).
- #6. In Acts 19:6, (The disciples in Ephesus were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues).

(6 Different Occasions Over A 30 Year Period)

Question: Pastor, what is this Holy Spirit Baptism?

Answer: It is not a great knowledge of the Bible.

It is not enthusiasm or personality.

It is not talent or natural ability.

(This Baptism In The Holy Spirit Is:)

- ◆ You and me being clothed with the Spirit of God.
- ◆ It is you and me being energized for service in God's Kingdom
- ◆ It is not a goal (but a gateway into spirit-filled living, and praying, and service).

Question: Why is it so important?

Answer: Because it is a gift from God that God wants all to receive.

- ◆ But pastor, why should I want to be filled with the Spirit and pray in the Spirit every day?
- ◆ Why should I desire a prayer language in my personal devotions?
- ◆ What are the great spiritual benefits of praying in tongues on a consistent basis?

#1. **Praying In The Spirit Allows You to Speak Directly To God:** (I Corinthians 14:2)

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God".

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Praying in tongues in your private devotions is speaking directly to God. (Pg. 3 of 5)

- ◆ It is communicating in your born again spirit with the Lord.
- ◆ It allows you to be less restricted in your praying.
- ◆ You can pour out your heart to God from your innermost spirit in prayer.

#2. Praying In The Spirit Edifies The Prayer: (I Corinthians 14:4)

“He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself”

- ◆ This refers to tongues without an interpretation. It is personal and private prayer.
- ◆ Paul testified of this blessing in (v. 8) “I thank God I speak with tongues more than ye all”.
- ◆ This praying edifies, strengthens, builds up, and lifts your inner man.
- ◆ This kind of praying releases tension, refreshes your spiritual man and is spiritual therapy.

#3. Praying In The Spirit Enables You To Be A More Effective Intercessor: (Rom. 8:26,27)

“Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: But the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. “And He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God”.

(What Does It Mean?) It Means That...

- #1...The Holy Spirit is our helper in prayer.
- #2...He knows what the mind of God is.
- #3...He enables us to pray apart from our natural ability. (In the will of God)
- #4...He allows us to communicate directly with God.

Fact: This is the glorious result of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- ◆ We receive a new prayer language to communicate directly with God.
- ◆ We can then pray effectively (with power) even when our natural mind doesn't know what to pray for.

(Paul Said In Ephesians 6:18)

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”. (Ephesians 6:18)

Question: How is prayer to be offered?

Answer: “In the Spirit”

Question: What does it mean to “Pray in the Spirit”?

Answer: It means to pray:

- #1. Under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- #2. With the assistance of the Holy Spirit.
- #3. Energized by the help of the Holy Spirit.

#4. Praying In The Spirit Leads You To More Intimate Worship:

“I will sing with the Spirit” (I Corinthians 14:15)

- ◆ The Baptism and praying in tongues will increase your desire to worship, to praise and to exalt the Lord.
- ◆ You'll be lifted to a higher realm and deeper level of personal worship.
- ◆ You'll overcome the thief and robber of our “pent up potential” to worship from the heart.

#5. Praying In The Spirit Makes Jesus More Real To Your Heart:

- ◆ In (John 16:7-16) Jesus said:

“It is expedient for you that I go away...I will send the comforter unto you...and He shall glorify Me, for He shall receive of Mine and shall show it unto you”. (vs. 7-14)

- ◆ Jesus said, “Out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water”
- ◆ Jesus said, “Whoever drinks of My water shall never thirst again” **(In Other Words)**
- ◆ Spirit filled people are not thirsty for dirty water.
- ◆ Spirit filled people are restful, contented, sweet, optimistic, with a good attitude.
(Why?)
- ◆ There is a well that never runs dry, (it refreshes and renews the soul).
- ◆ There is a well with fresh water daily, (that protects us from wandering into prohibited territory).
- ◆ There is a well with a supply of all we need!!! (Ephesians 5:18)
- ◆ “He that believeth on me as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, **which they that believe on Him should receive**”. (John 7:38 & 39)

#1 – There Was Inspection #2 – There Was Impartation

IV. There Was Personal “Invitation”

Question: What were Peter’s final words in verse 40?

Answer: (V.40), “Save yourselves from the untoward generation”

- ◆ The words “**Save Yourself**” (SOTHETE) mean:
“To act upon what was heard and preached”
- ◆ The words “**Untoward Generation**” mean:
“Crooked and bent out of shape”

(In Other Words)

1. The world around you is out of shape and ungodly.
2. The world around you is sinful and corrupted.
3. The world around you is wanting to swallow you up with its temptation and sin.

Question: What is the secret to overcoming?

Answer: “Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit”

Question: How many of you want greater boldness in your witness?

Question: How many of you want greater power to overcome sin and live a holy life?

Question: How many of you want a greater hunger for the Word?

Question: How many of you want greater help in prayer?

Question: How many of you want to attract people to Jesus?

Conclusion And Altar Call

(On Wednesday night, Pastor Ed made an incredible statement)

I Quote

“You do not and can not create your own hunger”

- ◆ Today lets ask God to create in us all – a new hunger that surpasses all previous hunger!

Question: What’s our part in all of this?

Answer: (V. 41), “Then they gladly received the Word”.

(Verse 42) “Then they continued steadfastly”

(Verse 43) “Then fear came upon every soul and signs and wonders were done through the apostles”

- ◆ In verse 45, Sacrifice and Giving.
- ◆ In verse 46, Gladness and Joy
- ◆ In verse 47, Expansion and Growth **(In Other Words)**
- ◆ When we do our part – God does His part!!!

AMEN!

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