

The Day Of Pentecost → Acts 2

Acts 2:16-21

Introduction

- The Day of Pentecost.
 - Second of three annual Jewish feasts. (Dt. 16:16); Pentecost also called: The Feast of First Fruits, Weeks, Harvest.
 - Apostles waiting in Jerusalem for promise of the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 14-16; Lk. 24:47-49; Acts 1:4-5,8)
 - The Apostles receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4); Speak with other tongues. (Acts 2:6,7,8,11)

Lesson: Focus On Three Key Issues Addressed In Peter's Sermon:

- The meaning of that day's events. (v-12; 14-21)
- The identification of the Lord, God's Anointed. (v-21; 22-36)
- Salvation -- The Forgiveness of sins (vv. 21,37; 38)

I. The Meaning of That Day's Events...

•The last days had begun. (Heb. 1:1-3)

- Old Testament prophecy had associated the blessings of the Messianic Age with the outpouring of the Spirit, and the significance of that day was the beginning of that age with its foretold blessings. (Acts 3:24; 11:15)
- The Apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and what they spoke was God's word.
- Joel's and other Old Testament prophecies are being fulfilled. (Isa. 2:2-4; Dan. 2:44)

•Peter's sermon as an explanation of Joel's prophecy:

- Explains those events. (v-16)
- The destruction of Jerusalem (v-19-20)
- Salvation to those who call on the name of the Lord. (v-21) proceeds to tell who the Lord is...
- The outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Peter tells them that Jesus is doing it. (v-33)
- They are told to call on the name of the Lord in verse 21, and in verse 38 told how.
- In verse 39, Peter continues his quote of Joel 2.

II. Identifying Jesus of Nazareth As Lord and Christ

- Approved of God. (v-22; Jn. 3:2; 9:31-33; Jn. 11:43)
- Delivered by determinate counsel. (v-23; Isa. 53; I Pet. 1:18-19)
- Crucified. (v-23; Matt. 27:35)
- Slain. (v-23)
- Raised. (v-24; Jn. 2:19ff; Rom. 1:3-4; I Cor. 15:20)
- Exalted. (v-33; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23)
- Shed forth this which ye now see and hear. (v-33)
- Made both Lord and Christ. (v-36) Jesus of Nazareth, the one you put to death has been raised, and you must call on His name to be saved.

III. Salvation – The Forgiveness of Sins (calling on the name of the Lord)

- Note: The Holy Spirit works by means of a powerful message. (v-37; Rom. 1:16; I Cor. 1:18)
- Not by...Faith only. (Js. 2:24); Just saying "Lord, Lord". (Matt. 7:21); By prayer. (Acts 9:11; 22:16)
- Acts 2:21 -----Acts 2:28
 - Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord
 - Shall be saved
 - Repent and be baptized
 - For the remission of sins