

Acts: Peter's Message

Acts 2:14-41

The Gospel (v. 14-36)

- Peter presents the crowd with who Jesus is, including:
 - His origin
 - His power
 - His role as Christ
 - His crucifixion
 - His resurrection
- Calling them to see this truth based on Scripture
 - Including their role in it all

The Response (v. 37-41)

- Many wanted to know how to respond to the truth they had heard
 - Repent & be baptized
 - And they will be filled with the Holy Spirit too
- And 3000 of them were
 - And so it began!

So What?

- Do we know the truth of Jesus?
- Have we repented & been baptized?
- Are we proclaiming it to others?

Meditation Verse: Acts 2:21

Acts: The Spirit is Given

Acts 2:1-13

The Giving of the Spirit (v. 1-4)

- Pentecost: the Feast of the _____
 - 50 days after the beginning of Passover
 - The feast celebrated the first produce of the land, just as the Spirit is the “firstfruits” of the salvation blessings to the believer (see Deut. 26:1–11)
- A mighty _____ fills the room (Ezek. 37:9–14; Lk. 16:16)
 - _____ = *pnoes*; _____ = *pnuema*
- _____ ‘tongues’ appear and settle on all who are present (Luke 3:16)
- The _____ of God came upon them
 - Which immediately resulted in them bearing _____ to Jesus in _____ (Acts 1:8)

The Reversal (v. 5-13)

- Because it was Pentecost, _____ and God-fearing _____ for all over the world were in Jerusalem
- They saw and heard what was happening in their own _____
 - Causing _____ by some, _____ by others, and _____ by the hard-hearted
- What they were witnessing was a great reversal
 - Rather than language _____ to prevent a _____ - _____ kingdom at _____
 - The Spirit was _____ humanity into _____ kingdom by removing the barrier of _____

The Power of Words

- This is why words are so important for the Church
- Words fitly spoken bring _____ and _____ God (1 Pet. 3:8)
 - Which is why we are commanded to:
 - _____ (2 Tim. 4:2)
 - _____ & _____ (1 Thess. 5:11)
 - Speak _____ in _____ (Eph. 4:15)
 - And we are commanded to *reject* _____ & _____ (2 Cor. 12:20; see also Rom. 1:29-32; 1 Tim. 5:13)
 - Because these lead to _____

- Which is a direct _____ against the Spirit's work of unity (Rom. 16:17-18; Titus 3:10-11; see also Gal. 5:20; Jude 1:19)

So What?

- The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for Jesus and bring unity to God's people
- Are we using our words to do this?
- Or are we working against the Spirit of God?

Meditation Verse: *Hebrews 13:7*