

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. For what reasons were the people together on the day of Pentecost?
2. Who can receive the Holy Spirit? [SoF:8]
3. What was the evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit?
4. What effect did the Holy Spirit have on Peter?
5. What effect did the Holy Spirit have on the congregation? [SoF:8,9]

SUMMARY:

The apostles, having prayed together since Jesus' ascension, were in one accord waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. So great was the power of the Holy Ghost within the apostles that they were able to speak in tongues, making it possible for everyone to hear of the wonderful works of God in their own language, [SoF:15] while others thought that the apostles were drunk with new wine.

Peter explained that this was a fulfillment of the prophecy that the Holy Spirit would come and that men would prophesy. The Holy Spirit's power was manifested not only in the apostles, but also upon many others gathered there who heard Peter's sermon and believed and were baptized.

NOTES:

[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [SoF:9] We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ. [SoF:15] We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature".

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

October 16, 2016

Fourth Quarter

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

LESSON TEXT: *Acts 2:1-21*

LESSON SETTING: In Jerusalem where the disciples gathered together for the feast of Pentecost.

TIME: Approximately 33 - A.D. - shortly after Christ ascended to heaven leaving the disciples on their own.

- I. **THE MIGHT OF PENTECOST.** Acts 2:1-4
 - A. Assembled in Unity (vs. 1) Psalm 133:1; Matthew 18:19-20
 - B. Spiritual Power. Acts 4:33; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 2 Timothy 1:7
 - C. Spiritual Utterance in Tongues (vs. 4) Acts 2:4-11; 10:46; Ephesians 6:19; Colossians 4:3
- II. **THE MARVEL OF PENTECOST.** Acts 2:5-13
 - A. Astonishment (vs. 7) Matthew 13:54; Mark 2:12
 - B. Spiritual Ignorance (vs. 13) Jeremiah 5:4; Ephesians 4:18
- III. **THE MEANING OF PENTECOST.** Acts 2:14-21
 - A. Holy Spirit Promised (vs. 18) Joel 2:28; Zechariah 12:10
 - B. Believers to be Saved (vs. 21) Romans 1:16; Romans 10:10
 - C. Believers Receive Holy Spirit (vs. 4) John 7:38-39; Acts 8:17

GOLDEN TEXT: *AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAITH GOD, I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH.*
Acts 2:17

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Acts 2:22-47
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Psalm 16:1-11

QUARTERLY THEME: The Early Church

TOPIC: THE EFFECTS OF PENTECOST

INTRODUCTION:

Although the disciples had loved Christ while He was with them and had often been obedient to Him, they were changed men and very different after the Person of the Holy Spirit entered them. Now they had power from within to teach people in such an effective way that three thousand were converted. How different were their lives from what they had been!

Unconverted persons, through their flesh, do good deeds and feel that in this way they are pleasing God. But His ways are so different from theirs and He asks for complete surrender which they do not choose to do. Therefore, they lack power within to do God's Will, to crucify self, to teach others. They are given the grace if they choose to accept it, to repent and then to be baptized. (Acts 2:38-41) After this, they become new men because God's Holy Spirit enters their hearts and as a Person, dwells within to be always present and to always lead.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The coming of the Holy Spirit makes drastic changes in lives.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY, SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.*
Acts 2:47

“Such as should be saved.” Perhaps the question arises today, who are those who should be saved? The same rule applies as did in all of God's dealing with man. To be chosen for God's favor and blessings, man must be seeking and yearning for Him. David could experience God's favor even in the days of the Law. “And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord: it shall rejoice in His salvation.” (Psalm 35:9) At the time of Christ's coming, Simeon who was longing for His appearing could rejoice and be glad. “For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.” (Luke 2:30) After Pentecost, individually, and in large groups, such as “should be saved” were added to the Lord because they were seeking salvation. Cornelius was praying and seeking; the Ethiopian eunuch was reading and seeking; and the Spirit sent the message of salvation. God will consider such an individual as one who “should be saved.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF October 17 – 23

M. God's Power Displayed. Exodus 17:1-16
T. The Way of Life. Psalm 16:1-11
W. Peter, Before Pentecost. Luke 22:54-62
T. *Fulfillment of Prophecy. Acts 2:22-28
F. *Sent by the Son of God. Acts 2:29-36
S. *Pathway to Victory. Acts 2:37-40
S. *Great Results. Acts 2:41-47

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