

UNSTOPPABLE: Daring to Be the Church On Mission

Lesson Five • Acts 2:1-21

Power to Proclaim

The Purpose of Pentecost

Pentecost is God equipping the Church with the POWER of the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel so He will be glorified among the nations.

Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:1

The Day of Pentecost

1. What HAPPENED on the Day of Pentecost?

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:2-4

The Phenomena of the Spirit's Coming:

- There was a sound from heaven of a rushing mighty WIND that filled the whole house.
- There was an appearance of divided tongues of FIRE resting on each person.
- There was speaking in various foreign LANGUAGES by the disciples.

2. What Was the RESPONSE to What Happened on Pentecost?

Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ... So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." Acts 2:7, 12-13

The Response to the Spirit's Coming:

- Some MARVELED at what they saw and heard.
- Others MOCKED what they saw and heard.

3. What Does What Happened on Pentecost MEAN?

So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Acts 2:12

Peter Stands and Explains:

What they saw and heard was not the result of DRUNKENNESS; it was the evidence of the SPIRIT'S COMING.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:" Acts 2:14-16

The Significance of the Spirit's Coming:

- Pentecost signaled the presence of God's Spirit to DWELL in His people. *Romans 8:9 Ephesians 1:13-14*
- Pentecost signaled the purpose of God's power to PROCLAIM the Gospel to all peoples. *Acts 1:8*

The Requirement to Receive the Spirit's Power

Repentance of SIN and emptiness of SELF—turning from sin and believing in Jesus Christ alone as your Savior and Lord.

"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38