

RECAPTURING
PENTECOST

ACTS 2:37-42

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37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Acts 2:37-42 - continued

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Introduction

A. Pentecost and the association with the Holy Spirit

1. The day of the coming of the Holy Spirit
2. The birthday of the church

B. What is Pentecost?

1. Fifty days after Passover
2. Originally called the Feast of Weeks

Deuteronomy 16:16

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

Introduction

C. The world did not know what was happening during that time

Acts 1:3

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

D. But on this day these things would be different

I. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Conversion

(v 41)

“They that gladly received his word”

A. Who gladly received his word?

1. Three thousand who had come for the feast

2. Three thousand of the Christ - rejecting crowd

3. They heard the message in their own language

Acts 2:11

**Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our
tongues the wonderful works of God**

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B. What was this word they gladly received?

Acts 2:22-24

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

I. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Conversion

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C. All real conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit

1. The case of Nicodemus

John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

I. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Conversion (v 41)

**C. All real conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit
(continued)**

2. The testimony of Paul to Titus

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

II. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Public Witness (v 41)

“were baptized”

A. Salvation occurs in the heart, but we confess Him openly

1 John 4:15

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

II. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Public Witness (v 41)

**B. Baptism is a public witness - identification with Christ
Romans 6:4**

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

II. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Public Witness (v 41)

C. Think of the hostile atmosphere at that time

Mark 10:29-30

29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

II. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Public Witness (v 41)

**You are in good company when you choose
baptism**

III. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Christian Growth (v 42)

“They continued stedfastly”

A. They were not content to just escape hell

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

III. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Christian Growth (v 42)

“They continued stedfastly”

**A. They were not content to just escape hell - continued
Philippians 2:12-13**

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

III. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Christian Growth (v 42)

**B. They shared in the promise of the Holy Spirit to teach
John 14:26**

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

III. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Christian Growth (v 42)

C. In fellowship: the bond between believers

1 John 1:3

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

D. In breaking of bread ... communion

III. The Work Of The Holy Spirit In Christian Growth (v 42)

**E. In prayers: the part the Holy Spirit plays in praying
Romans 8:26**

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.

The Holy Spirit Leads On To Higher Ground

How Will You Respond To His Ministry?