

THE SPIRIT'S COMPREHENSIVE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Acts 2:1-13

I. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- A. The future transformation: *Jn. 7:37-39*
 - 1. Rivers of living water flowing out of the heart: vv. 37-38
 - 2. Triggered only when Jesus is glorified: v. 39
- B. The comprehensive indwelling: *Jn. 14:16-17*
 - 1. Permanent abiding: v. 16
 - 2. Exclusively for believers: v. 17a
 - 3. Dwells with you: v. 17b
 - 4. Is in you: v. 17c
- C. The single focus: *Jn. 15:26*
 - 1. It is not about the Holy Spirit:
 - 2. It is about Jesus Christ:
- D. The dynamic ministry: *Jn. 16:7-11*
 - 1. Sin: v. 9
 - 2. Righteousness: v. 10
 - 3. Judgment: v. 11

II. THE ARRIVAL (BAPTISM) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Acts 2:1-13

- A. The situation of the disciples:
 - 1. O.T. revelations: (*See Gen. 41:38; Num. 27:18; Dan. 4:8; 5:11-14; 6:3*)
 - 2. Gospel revelations: (*See Jn. 20:22*)
 - 3. N.T. revelations: (*See Jn. 16:7*)
- B. The timing of His arrival: v. 1
 - 1. Pentecost or "harvest": (*Ex. 23:16; 34:22-23*)
 - 2. The little church is all "together":
- C. The proof that He came: vv. 2-4
 - 1. Wind, the sound that filled the house: v. 2
 - 2. Cloven tongues as of fire resting on them: v. 3
 - 3. The filling, a promise fulfilled: v. 4a (*See Jn. 14:16-17*)

4. Speaking in other tongues (languages) by the Holy Spirit: v. 4b
 5. A vital footnote: (*See 1 Cor. 13:8; Heb. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 14:21-22*)
- D. The impact (harvest) of His coming: vv. 5-13
1. Pentecost, the event brought the devout, unsaved crowds: v. 5
 2. The purpose behind the "rushing wind": v. 6
 3. The gift on "Known Languages": vv. 8-11
 4. The difficulty with embracing the supernatural: vv. 7, 12-13
- E. The meaning of His once and for all baptism:
1. The Holy Spirit's new identity in Christ: *1 Cor. 12:13*
 2. The Holy Spirit's new purpose (a harvest) in Christ: *Rom. 6:4*
- F. Two additional examples:
1. Gentiles as proof to unbelievers: *Acts 10:44-48*
 2. John's disciples as proof to unbelievers: *Acts 19:1-7*

III. THE DEPARTURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: // *Thes. 2:5-10*

- A. The rapture that triggers His departure: vv. 5-7 (*See 1 Thes. 4:13-18*)
- B. The miserable tribulation without Him: vv. 8-10

IV. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A. It is the Holy Spirit-- not style, culture, or education-- that generates a harvest of souls when God's word is presented. (*See Acts 4:13; Mt. 10:19-20; Rom. 10:17*)
- B. The carnal apathy that keeps us from experiencing a supernaturally fruitful harvest, is very costly to us and everyone around us. (*See Cor. 5:9-10; Jer. 8:20*)

