

Lesson 13: Opening Chapters of Acts: Day of Pentecost

Introductory Statements:

- Biggest portion of the Bible that is most often misunderstood
- The day of Pentecost is often taught and thought to be when God started the Dispensation of Grace, because the Lord suffered and now the Holy Spirit comes down.
- Generally, thought that at Cross cut off program with Israel and began to turn to Gentiles
 - Spirit coming down is assumed to be coming and start the new creation the church the Body of Christ
- The day of Pentecost thought to be the birth of the church
- Need to understand that the Day of Pentecost and the opening chapters of the book of Acts is still the outworking of GPw/I.
- Paul is the marker for the commencement of the church, the Body of Christ

Luke 13

Luke 24 - following His resurrection

- The Lord made it clear that He would continue to deal w/Israel following the Cross.
- Israel's rejection of Christ on the Cross was not to be looked upon as a devastating blow to His program with His nation.
 - Instead, it was to be understood as a necessary step to fulfill His program with Israel.
- Once it took place, Israel would be ready to enter its final stage
- Read verse 13ff
 - 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus
 - They thought rejection as a devastating blow to Israel's program
 - They thought they could no longer be Redeemed
 - v. 20-21
- Look at verse 25, the Lord begins to take them to task that His rejection and crucifixion was all a necessary step for their program to be fulfilled. It is the means by which all their hopes will come to pass
- Verse 26, "glory" He is referring to the establishment of His kingdom; completion of program with Israel; reign on throne in nation
 - He explains in order to enter into that glory Christ had to suffer these things
 - He knew; they didn't - they believed the glory & His coming, but not His sufferings - they didn't understand this.

- This indicates that GPw/I isn't going to be suspended in view of the Cross. We ought not expect therefore when we continue in Acts that God is going to change the program.
- We ought to expect then that the final stage in GPw/I is going to come upon them and then the glory is going to come

Matthew 3; John 15:25-27; Heb. 6:2

- 3 Baptisms (prescription of Israel's cleansing)
 - JTB = water baptism (before Cross)
 - TLJC = Spirit (after Cross) - Day of Pentecost
 - TLJC = fire (after Cross)
- Necessity for God to continue to deal with them. Only 1 baptism has taken place up until the Cross.
 - Ezekiel 36