

ROCKY RIVER CHURCH
THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL (PART 1 of 2)
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FOCUS TEXT – ACTS 2:14-28 (NLT)

¹⁴Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says,
 ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
 Your young men will see visions,
 and your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
 even on my servants—men and women
 alike—and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens
 above and signs on the earth below—
 blood and fire and clouds of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will become dark,
 and the moon will turn blood red
 before that great and glorious day of
 the Lord arrives.
²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of
 the Lord will be saved.’

²²“People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. ²⁴But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip. ²⁵King David said this about him:

 ‘I see that the Lord is always with me.
 I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
²⁶ No wonder my heart is glad,
 and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope.
²⁷ For you will not leave my soul among the
 dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.
²⁸ You have shown me the way of life,
 and you will fill me with the joy of your presence.’

HERE'S WHAT ALL OF THIS MEANS TO US TODAY:

#1. You need the Holy Spirit to understand _____.

Just like Peter stood and spoke with boldness, the Spirit will help you:

- Discover your purpose
- Understand Scripture
- Make wise decisions
- Stand firm in your faith
- Know what God is calling you to do

If you feel spiritually stuck, ask the Holy Spirit to bring clarity.

#2. You need the Holy Spirit to live with courage in _____.

The Holy Spirit gives you courage to:

- Share your faith
- Stand up for what's right
- Say no to temptation
- Do what God calls you to do
- Live boldly in a world that opposes Christ

#3. You need the Holy Spirit to _____, not fear.

We live in a world filled with anxiety, depression, and uncertainty.

But the Spirit gives:

- Peace
- Strength
- Joy
- Hope
- Confidence

#4. You need the Holy Spirit to know Jesus _____.

The Spirit always points to Jesus – He draws us to Jesus. You cannot:

- save yourself
- change yourself
- forgive yourself
- transform yourself

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” -Romans 10:13

