THE ACTS OF FAITH



WHATEVER, WHENEVER, HOWEVER... I'M IN





WHATEVER

YES, I WILL (I WILL SACRIFICE MY COMFORTS)

WHENEVER

I'M IN (I WILL SACRIFICE MY PLANS)

HOWEVER

I'LL DO THAT (I WILL SACRIFICE MY WAYS)

GAME-CHANGER

DYNAMIC

PIONEERS



MY WITNESSES

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

PETER Influential Leader JAMES Passionate Fighter JOHN Man of Conviction ANDREW Servant Leader PHILIP Detail Guy BARTHOLOMEW The Scholar MATTHEW Recovering Rebel THOMAS Faithful Follower JAMES Obscure One THADDAEUS Hype Guy SIMON An Activist MATTHIAS The Replacement





SIMON PETER

"The Influential Leader"

MAN OF Influence

Preeminent Apostle

MAN OF Aggression

He began to walk on the water

MAN OF Resolution

Never Lord!

MAN OF Volatility

Simon or Peter?



Who do people say the Son of Man is?





"The Influential Leader"

¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."







"The Influential Leader"

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."







"The Influential Leader"

¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.







"The Influential Leader"

18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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THE DENIAL OF PETER LUKE 22:54-62

"Game Changing Moments"



THE COMMISION OF PETER JOHN 21:1-19

"Game Changing Moments"



THE GAME-CHANGER

When the day of PENTECOST arrived, they were all together in one place.



And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like **a mighty rushing wind**, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

And **divided tongues as of fire** appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit**



And **began to speak in other tongues** as the Spirit gave them utterance.



Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from **every nation under heaven.** And at this sound the multitude came together,



And they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.



And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, **each of us in his own native language?**

Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Both Jews and Proselytes, **Cretans and Arabians**

"We hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

1 Disciples in One Place

Altogether gathered in one place.

2 Wind and Fire

Suddenly, a sound like a mighty rushing wind.

3 Filled with the Holy Spirit

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

4 Speaking in Tongues

And they began to speak in tongues.

5 Every Nation Together

How is it we hear, each of us in our native language?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

1 Disciples in One Place

2 Wind and Fire
3 Filled with the Holy Spirit
4 Speaking in Tongues
5 Every Nation Together

Submission

Obeyed the command to stay in Jerusalem

Patience

Waited 10 days for the Spirit

Expectation

Launch of the Great Commission

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

One Place

2 Wind and Fire

Disciples in

3 Filled with the Holy Spirit 4 Speaking in Tongues 5 Every Nation Together

Powerful Event

Sound like a mighty Rushing Wind

Powerful Presence

Tongues like fire (symbolizing God's presence)

Powerful Visual

Distribution of His Spirit to every individual believer

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

es in One Place

Discip

- 2 Wind and Fire3 Filled with the Holy Spirit4 Speaking in Tongues
- **5 Every Nation Together**

New Method

The Holy Spirit was coming to stay.

New Ministry

The Holy Spirit was coming to help.

New Empowerment

The Holy Spirit was coming to gift.

BAPTIZED?

FILLED?

U Who? ALL BELIEVERS

1 Cor. 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body–Jews or Greeks, slaves or free–and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

When? ONCE @ SALVATION

Eph. 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

How Long? PERMANENT

Eph. 1:13 When you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

U Who? ALL BELIEVERS

Eph. 5:18 Do not be drunk with wine but be filled by the spirit.

□ When? OFTEN AS YEILDED

1 Thess. 5:19 Do not quench the Holy Spirit.

How Come? FOR HELP

John 14:16 And I will ask the father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Wind and Fire
 Filled with the Holy Spirit
 Speaking in Tongues
 Every Nation Together

Known Language

They spoke to the nations and they understood.

Clear Understanding

They heard in their native language.

Specific Ability

They were specifically given the gift.





Are tongues for today?

1. Tongues usage was unique

They were unique to the Apostles as an Authenticating Sign of their Ministry

2. Tongues importance waned

They were a gift that ceased to be listed in latest epistles.

3. Tongues purpose was specific

They were a sign to unbelieving Israel that God's salvation is for other nations.

4. Tongues is a gift that ceases

Paul said the gift would cease. Why wouldn't all foreign missionaries be given this gift?

5. Tongues have been redefined

The gift came with specific guidelines that are rarely met by the usage today.





ONLY F Done for Edification

Let all things be done for edification. 1 Cor. 14:26

ONLY IF Two, or at most Three

Two or at the most three. 1Cor. 14:27

ONLY IF Each in a Turn

And each in turn. 1 Cor. 14:27

ONLY IF One is Interpreting

And one must interpret... or remain silent 1 Cor. 14:27-28

ONLY IF It's Understandable

If unintelligible, how will anyone know what is being said?

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3 Filled with the Holy Spirit

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Universal Work

1 COR. 12:13 "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...

Unifying Work

1 COR. 12:13 "- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."

PENTECOST WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Fulfillment of OT Prophecy!

Fulfillment of the outpouring of the Spirit in prophecy. Isaiah 44:3

Empowerment of the Apostles!

Jesus promised to send a 'helper' John 14:15-17

Commencement of the Church!

I will pour out my Spirit in those days... and everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Joel 2:28-29, 32.

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

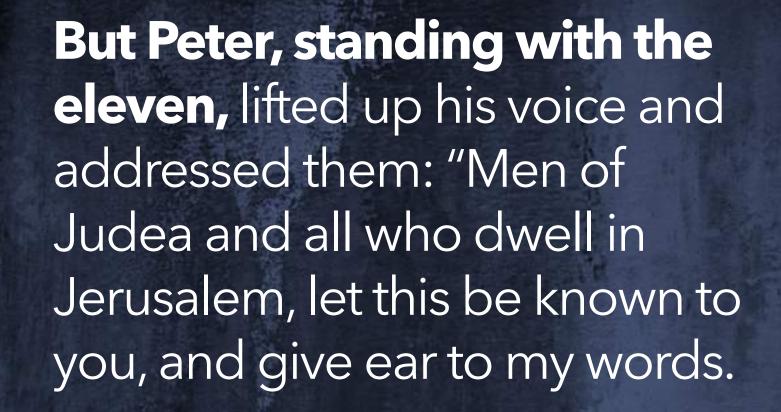
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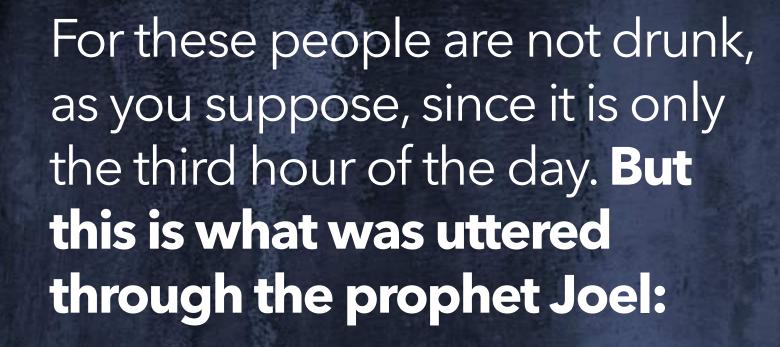
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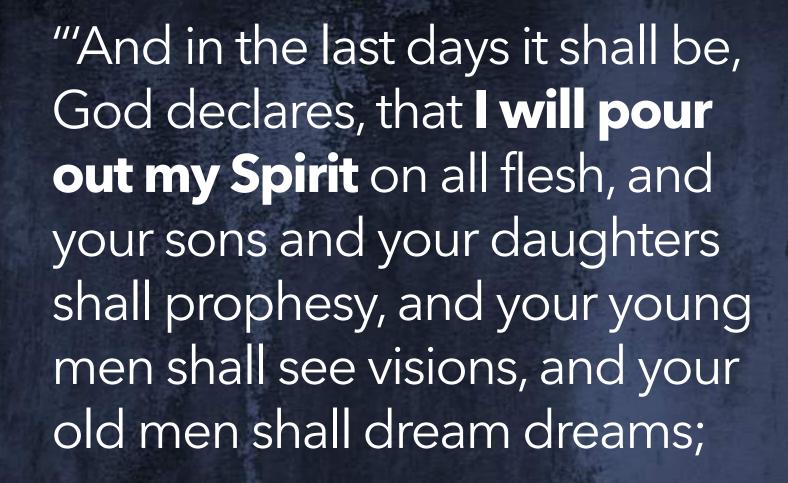




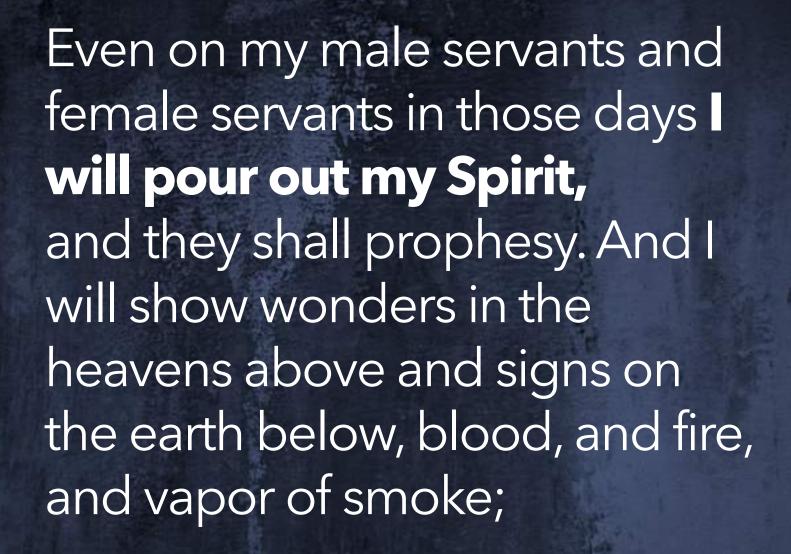






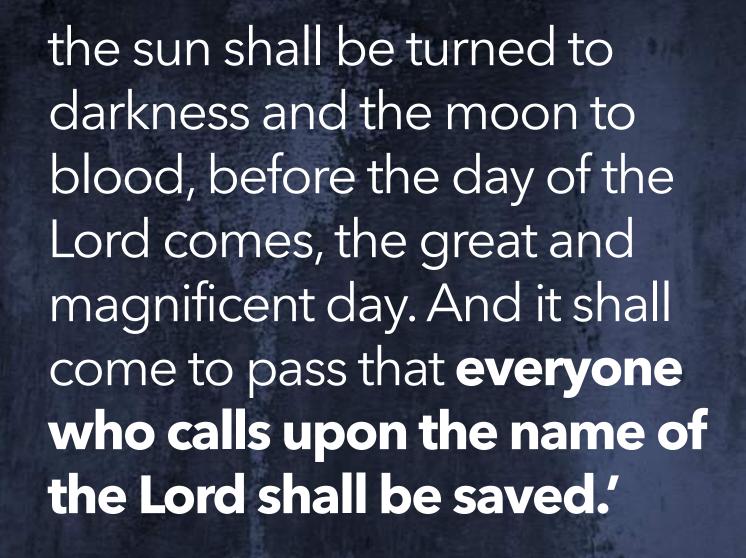






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10 WAYS TO BE THEIR GANE-CHANGER

"Prepared for Launch"

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10 'Do Life' with Them

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And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:24-25