Acts: The Holy Spirit At Work #3 The Outpouring At Pentecost

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Session 3:

What is Pentecost? What does it mean to be Pentecostal?

- 1. The Outpouring On Pentecost Fulfilled The Feast Of Pentecost = The Beginnings Of The Pentecostal Era Of The N.T.
- 2. The Signs Of Holy Spirit Baptism Both Now And Back Then
- 3. Why Tongues Was Given And What It's Purpose Is.

• The Outpouring On The Day Of Pentecost Fulfilled The Feast Of Pentecost & Brought The Beginnings Of The Pentecostal Era Of The N.T.

Pentecost Is The Gathering Of The Harvest

Read: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Means "Fiftieth".

Pentecost Involves Both Blessing And Duty.

 God Pours Out His Blessing On His People And Gives Them Power – For A Duty Assignment -- To Work In The Harvest

The Signs Of Holy Spirit Baptism - Both Now And Back Then

Two Kinds Of Events Taking Place On Pentecost

- 1. Unique Events That Were Part Of That Special Day
- Patterns To Be Replicated And Repeated In The Ongoing New Testament Church

The Unique Signs Of Pentecost

A Rushing, Mighty Wind

The Sound Of Wind Typifies The Work Of The Spirit

The Tongues Of Fire

• Fire Signifies God's Presence, Judgment, And Purification

Normal Signs Of Pentecost:

The Initial Physical Evidence – Speaking In Tongues

- On The Day Of Pentecost All The Believers Gave Proof Of The Infilling Of The Spirit
- Acts 2:4 (NIV) 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

 The Speaking In Tongues By The Holy Spirit's Enabling Was A Sign Of Their Filling

 Speaking In Tongues Is The Only Sign Of Holy Spirit Baptism That Is Repeated

5 Reports Where Believers Were First Filled With The Holy Spirit

- 1. Acts 2:1-4 -- The Day Of Pentecost
- 2. 8:14-19 The Believers At Samaria
- 3. Acts 9:17-19 -- The Conversion And Filling Of Saul
- 4. Acts 10:44-46 At The Home Of Cornelius
- 5. Acts 19:1–7 The Believers At Ephesus

- The Sign That We Are Filled Is Evidenced By Our Speaking In A Language As The Holy Spirit Baptizes Us In His Spirit
- The Sign Is Important And Powerful What We Really Need,
 Cherish And Long For Is The Presence Of The Spirit
- We Need The Holy Spirit In Our Lives
- Being Filled With The Spirit -- Being Empowered To Witness -
 - Having A Spiritual Prayer Language From God Is Available For Us Today As We Receive In Faith The Gift He Has Given

The Purpose Of Speaking In Tongues

 Tongues Is The Initial Physical Evidence Of Baptism In The Holy Spirit

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- The Bible is our standard of faith and practice.
- We study it to know God and how to walk with Him

- 1 Corinthians 12:30 (NIV) 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
- In 1 Corinthians 12, he is teaching about spiritual gifts when the Body is meeting. In the church setting,
- In Acts 2:4, the Christians were praying individually yet gathered together as they sought God.
- Acts 2:4 (NIV) 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- 3 Examples Where Tongues Served As The Initial Physical Evidence Of The Baptism In The Holy Spirit.
- (1) Acts 2:4
- (2) Acts 10:44–47
- (3) Acts 19:1–7
- The Bible Teaches Us That Not Only The Apostles, But Also Many Other Christians Spoke In Tongues, As They Were Filled With The Spirit

- Speaking In Tongues Is Not Something We Do On Our Own.
- It Takes A Cooperative, Submissive Relationship With God.
 - God Enables A Believer To Speak A New Language.
 - The Believer's Part Is To Speak
 - To Do Our Part, We Must Be Totally Submissive To God's Will.
- Speaking In Tongues Shows That A Believer Has Submitted The Mind And The Most Unruly Part Of Themselves To The Holy Spirit.

 To Be Baptized In The Holy Spirit, We Must Demonstrate Humility.

 Submitting To The Holy Spirit Requires Us To Depend On God, Not On Our Own Abilities.

Speaking In Tongues Is One Of Nine Gifts Of The Spirit

- In 1 Corinthians 12:10, Tongues Is Listed As One Of The Nine Gifts Of The Spirit Expressly Used In Christian Worship
- When Paul Asks... "Do All Speak In Tongues?" (1 Cor. 12:30)
 He Is Referring To The Gift Of Tongues In Public Worship- A Spiritual Gift For The Church
- It Does Not Apply To Tongues Associated With The Baptism In The Spirit. That Promise Is To All

• When In The Corporate Worship Service, The Gift Of Tongues Is To Be Used In An Orderly Manner.

"For God Is Not A God Of Disorder But Of Peace."

 Not Everyone Will Have The Same Gift Mix-- But We Can All Be Filled With The Spirit And Speak In A Language That The Spirit Gives Us

Tongues Can Be A Regular Means of Personal Prayer

• In 1 Corinthians 14:13–19 Paul called it praying with the (human) spirit.

Why Is Praying In Tongues Better Than Our Own Language?

- 1. Praying in Tongues Praises God and Builds Up the Person Who Prays.
- 2. Praying in Tongues Releases the Human Spirit to Fully Express Itself to God.
 - There are times when we may not know how to pray in a situation
 - praying in tongues allows us to bypass our human minds and pray as directed by the Holy Spirit.

Tongues Is A Sign To Unbelievers

 On The Day Of Pentecost In Acts 2:5–13. Unbelievers Heard The Spirit Baptized Speaking To Them In Their Own Language—it Was A Sign To Them

Tongues Are Also A Sign To Believers

 Speaking In Tongues Is A Sign To The Individual Believer And To Those Around Him Or Her That The Individual Has Received The Baptism.

Speaking In Tongues Removes Barriers Between People

 Every believer can experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit, regardless of his or her position in the church, gender, or economic status.

Speaking in tongues is adoring God

- It is the deepest kind of love toward God.
- we must present our lives to Him and ask Him to fill us anew with His Spirit.

Wood, G. O. (2010). Acts: The Holy Spirit at work in believers:

- 1. The word *Pentecost* means
- \square "the fifth."
- "the fifteenth."
- □ "the fiftieth."
- □ "the hundredth."

- 2. Pentecost for the believer is a combination of
 - blessing and sacrifice.
- blessing and duty.
- duty and obedience.
- Obedience and sacrifice.

3. The Azusa Street Mission revival, like the Day of	
Pentecost, is an example of	
	segregation.
	diversity.

- □ unity.
- □ tolerance.

- 4. A symbol of the purifying presence of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was
- a mighty rushing wind.
- the believers speaking in tongues.
- ☐ the tongues of fire.
- a violent earthquake.

- 5. The normal sign that a believer has received the baptism in Holy Spirit based upon the pattern of Acts is
 - ☐ laughter and joy.
- prophesying.
- speaking in tongues.
- being slain in the Spirit.

- 6. According to Acts 19, the believers in Ephesus were baptized in the Holy Spirit and began to
- speak in tongues.
- \square leap with joy.
- prophesy.
- ☐ speak in tongues and prophesy.

7. In what chapters does Acts record the initial Holy Spirit baptism of believers?

- <u>2</u>, <u>8</u>, <u>9</u>, <u>10</u>, <u>19</u>
- \square 2, 4, 8, 10
- \Box 2, 10, 19
- <u>2</u>, <u>7</u>, <u>8</u>, <u>11</u>, <u>19</u>

8. In what chapters in the book of Acts does speaking in tongues accompany the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

- \square 2, 4, 10, 19
- \Box 2, 8, 10
- □ 2, 10, 19
- \square 2, 9, 10, 19

9. Speaking in tongues happens when a believer is quiet and prostrate before God. is based upon a cooperative and submissive relationship with God. is something believers do on their own. is all of the above.

- 10. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is available to
 - \square adults.
- \square the spiritually mature.
- those in leadership.
- all believers.