

Sermon Notes September 4 2022
Acts of the Apostles Series Part 4
The Dawning of a New Age!

Acts 2:5-21

Opening Point: His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (📖 2 Peter 1:3–4)

Speaking in “tongues” was:

1. ...a spiritual **Gift!** (📖 Acts 3-4, 1 Corinthians 12:11)
2. ...a known or knowable human **Language!**
(📖 Acts 2: 5-11, 1 Corinthians 14:6–10)
3. ...a sign for unbelieving **Jews!**
(📖 Acts 2:12-21, Joel 2:23-28, 1 Corinthians 14:20–22)
4. Signs & Wonders **Authenticate** the presence and power of God! (📖 John 2:11, Acts 2:22; 2:43; 5:12; 14:1–3)

Speaking tongues is not:

1. ...primary **Manifestation** of the indwelling Holy Spirit! (📖 Galatians 5:22-25)
2. ...was not given to **Everyone!**
(📖 1 Corinthians 12:29–30)
3. ...a private **Prayer** language!
(📖 Matthew 6:7-8, 1 Corinthians 13:1; 14:14-17)

Closing Point: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (📖 2 Corinthians 3:17-18)

Scripture Passage for today’s Message | Acts 2:1–13

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “*In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.*

¹⁸ *Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.*

¹⁹ *I will show wonders in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.*

²⁰ *The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

²¹ *And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’*