

Acts 2:1-13, 37-39

Series – The Holy Spirit: Growing in Relationship with God the Spirit

Message – The Spirit and the Church

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Realizing Pentecost

- Acts 2:1
- Pentecost was a day of _____ to thank the Lord for the harvest of barley and wheat.
- “According to Jewish tradition, [Pentecost] is also the time when the Lord revealed to Israel the gift of the Law at Mt. Sinai” (<https://chosenpeople.com>).

Recasting Sinai

- The pouring out of the Spirit doesn’t just bring the realization of the spiritual purpose of Pentecost; it _____ with the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai.
- Exodus 19:16-20
- Acts 2:2-4

- Unlike Moses, those who have received the Holy Spirit don’t have to go up to the mountaintop to meet with God because God _____ the mountaintop to come to us, to be in us and with us.

Reversing Babel

- Genesis 11 – The Tower of Babel
- Acts 2:5-8
- This is the spiritual _____ of what God did at the Tower of Babel.

- Acts 2:11-12
- The message was about what _____ had done and what God was doing.
- Another Intercession...

- Exodus 34:6-7
- Moses & Sinai v. Jesus & Calvary

- Hebrews 12:18-24

Receiving the Spirit

- Acts 2:37-38
 - Repent
 - Receive

- Acts 1:4
- “This is the good news: we are no longer waiting for the Spirit – He is waiting for us” (Billy Graham, The Holy Spirit, p.14).

- Rev. 22:17
- Hebrews 12:25
- Luke 11:9-13
- Ephesians 3:16-17

Reflection Questions

1. What was most encouraging to you in the message today?
2. How does Pentecost reveal the heart of God for people and the length to which He is willing to go, not just to save us but to help us live out our salvation?
3. If a not-yet-Christian friend asked you to summarize your faith in Jesus, how would you “declare the wonders of God” in a way that might help them understand the basics of the gospel?
4. How do you discern the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? What evidence do you see that a divine person is living within you?
5. How is God getting your attention?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?