

Pentecost: Promise, Power & Purpose

Scripture: Acts 2:1-41

Outline:

I. The Promise Fulfilled. vv. 1-11

1. The timing: _____ . v.1

2. The recipient's: _____ . vv.2-3

3. The promise: _____ . v.4

4. The reaction: _____ . vv.5-11

2. The power in action. vv.12-36

What does this mean? v.12

1. The preacher: _____ . v.14

2. The sermon: _____ . vv.15-36

3. The purpose accomplished. vv.37-41

What shall we do? v.37

1. Two actions: _____ . v.38a

2. Two blessings: _____ . v38b

“For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” v.39

Discussion questions

Regarding God's promise:

Read the following OT passages: Ezek. 36:25-27 & Joel 2:28-32

- What connections are there with what we read in Acts 2 about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
- Why do you think God made this promise?
- What does the fulfillment of this promise centuries later reveal to us about God's character or attributes and how should we respond?

• Read the following passages in the gospel of John: 7:37-39; 14:16,17,26; 15:26; 16:7

- What role did Jesus have in God's promise being fulfilled?
- Why was it necessary for Christ to die, rise again and return to the Father for the promise to be fulfilled?
- What do these passages teach us about the relationship that exists between the Father, Son & Holy Spirit?

Regarding God's power:

The power of the Holy Spirit worked in the life of Peter, both in his character and in his witnessing of Jesus.

- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's power in your life & in your witnessing of Jesus?
- What are some weaknesses in both of these areas that need to be strengthened?
- How have you seen the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our church community
- Discuss some practical ways we can experience more of the Holy Spirit's power as individuals and a church body.

Regarding God's purpose:

Acts 1:8 tells us that the purpose for receiving the power of the Holy Spirit is to be witnesses of Jesus.

- How are you as an individual faithfully obeying this command?
- What are some challenges you face when attempting to share the gospel?
- How can we as a body be more effective in fulfilling the great commission?
- Share a testimony of how you've seen God accomplish His saving purpose in the life of your family, friends or anyone else.