

Acts 2

The Birthday of the Church

Observe – Observe – Observe

- *Make note of every **PRESCRIPTIVE** Passage*
- *How long after Jesus ascended was Acts 2?*
 - *2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost had come”*
 - *1:3 – “appearing to them over a period of forty days”*
 - *1:5 – you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now*

What was happening? – vs. 1-4

WHAT? *“Were all together” – “came from heaven a noise” – “filled the house” – “they were sitting” – “appeared to them” – “rested on each” – “filled with HS” – “speak with other glossais”*

WHO? *“Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers. Also, Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias... and about 103 others.”*

What was happening? – v. 5

Who were the witnesses (“hearers”)?

Devout Jews... visiting Jerusalem

What did they hear?

“speaking the mighty deeds of God”

What was their question?

“What does this mean?”

“languages” (dialektos) & “tongues” (glossa)

Are they references to the same thing.

How do you know?

cf. v. 8 with v. 11 “dialektos” vs. “glossa”

SAME PHRASE – Different words

v. 8 – “hear them in our own language”

v. 11 – “hear them in our own tongue”

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WHEN?

*During the “last days” and before
the coming of the “Day of the Lord”*

WHEN do the “last days” begin?

Peter's Response – “This is what was spoken”

Peter's sermon vs. Joel's prophecy?

READ: Acts 2:22-36

v. 32-33 – “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

What was Peter saying? – His point?

- 1. A change of time (era) had come.*
- 2. These signs indicated this change.*
- 3. They were initiated by Jesus.*

Peter's Sermon vs. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

1. Jesus died for our sins

- He was buried*

2. Jesus was raised from the dead

- He appeared to many*

v. 32 – “to which we are witnesses” ???

Peter's Conclusion – the People's Response

- 1. Jesus was crucified... but is alive, risen from the dead.*
- 2. As God, He poured forth His Spirit, which you see and hear.*
- 3. The People's RESPONSE?*
“Brethren, what shall we do?”

Peter's Answer – the People's Response

1. *“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*
2. *They received his word, were baptized, and joined in the fellowship of believers.*

Early Growth of the New Church

- 1. Before? – v. 1:15 – c. 120 people*
 - 2. After: – v. 2:41 – c. 3,120+*
 - 3,000 added – Peter preaching the Word of God – death & resurrection.*
 - The Lord added – The church was living and growing together, sharing the life of Christ.*
- As you go on in your study of ACTS...*

Components of the Acts 2 Church? (v. 42)

1. *Devoted to the apostles teaching*
2. *Devoted to fellowship (koinonia)*
3. *Devoted to the breaking of bread*
4. *Devoted to prayer*

Pretty good church?

What was lacking?

Heads-Up!

Beginning in the next chapter and on through chapter 7, even as the church continues to minister and grow, the Lord brings persecution to drive them out to the world beyond Jerusalem.

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