

- Today I will be reading out of the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)
 - ◊ The rNIV in 1997 spawned the creation of the HCSB
 - ◊ NT in 2001, OT 2004
 - ◊ More literal than NIV less literal than ESV
 - ◊ As with most (if not all) translations they leaned heavily on the Erasmus New Testament (that eventually became the bulk of the Textus Receptus) that has been retranslated by Nestle-Aland, latest ed 2006
- Day of Pentecost
 - ◊ Named so because it is the 50th day after the Passover Sabbath. Almost literally meaning 50th (5 = pent)
It is actually celebrated the day after a 7 week span beyond the Passover Sabbath (7x7=49)
 - Why Give the H.S. at Pentecost?
Misslers claim, it is prophetic
 - Three feasts in first Month representing the first coming of Christ
 - Pentecost on Month 3
 - Three feasts in 7th Month 2nd coming

It can be derived by looking at the purpose to the feasts

 1. Passover – Gods efforts in delivery the Hebrew nation from Slavery
 2. Feast of Unleavened Bread – No time to prepare to leave, God sustained them.
 3. Feast of First Fruits – Blessings in the promise land
 4. Feast of Pentecost – Harvest...
 5. Feast of Trumpets – Present Israel before the Lord for His favor
 6. Day of Atonement – Cleansing
 7. Feast of Tabernacles – The journey to the promise land...

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had arrived, **they** were all together in one place.

[They – The 120 folks mentioned in the previous chapter]

Act 2:2 Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.

Act 2:3 And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Act 2:4 Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.

- Two common manifestations of Gods Spirit, then the Holy Spirit takes up residence in them.
- Sound of violent wind
 - ◊ Often God sounds like a waterfall, or the multitudes.
 - **Eze 43:2** I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east; the sound was like that of rushing water; and the earth radiated his glory.
 - Also through out Revalations
 - **Dan 10:6**, his voice like the sound of a multitude.
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 - ◊ Not hard to see why, can be survival or destruction.
 - ◊ Roman poet Virgil writes a poem decades before the birth of Christ where the main character *Iulus* receives "...A lambent flame arose, ...around his brow, and on his temples..." as he flees Troy.
 - ◊ Ex 3:2 – Moses sees the bush not being consumed

Exo 3:2 Then the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that the bush was on fire but was not consumed.
 - ◊ Ps 104:4

Psa 104:3 He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind;

Psa 104:4 he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire.

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- Then it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Hagios^{G37} Pheuma^{G4151}
 - ◊ Hagiazo^{G40} (sanctified, purify, separated – set aside)
 - ◊ Pheuma^{G4151} (to breath, the breath of life – almost always used in a spiritual since)
 - Root Pno-ay^{G4157} (breath, breeze...breath of life)
- Actually much different than the wind of the weather Anemos^{G417}
 - ◊ Hebrew word that is translated to Spirit of God is Ruah (Roo-akh)^{H7307}
 - Which has three usages
 1. Root, Smell or waft of air.
 2. Breeze or breath
 3. Spirit.
 - So you can see the tradition of the Hebrew language spilling over into the Greek language that is used by the Hebrew people.
- Point; The language used literally describes the way in which God chose to manifest Himself.

⊗ So the assumption is that the noise of the Holy Spirit coming brings everyone out of their houses and made a crowd

Act 2:5 There were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 When this sound occurred, the multitude came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

Act 2:8 How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Act 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Act 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our own languages the magnificent acts of God."

Act 2:12 And they were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, "What could this be?"

Act 2:13 But some sneered and said, "They're full of new wine!"

{New wine is sweet, less alcohol }

- Now this could open up quite a discussion of tongues, but I am going to take it quite pragmatically.
 - ◇ This word in Greek is much like the word in English.
 1. It could mean literal tongue
 2. It could mean anything with a simmilar shape – like in Acts 2:3
 3. It could mean language – different tongues
 - ◇ Paul talks fo Togues of angels vs Earthy tongues

1Co 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
 - ◇ Babble fish.- Now what could be happening herecould be any of several options.
 1. The disciples could be all speaking in the language of angels and those willing to receive the Holy Spirit have can translate it.
 2. The disciples are speaking to groups of people and are speaking in that groups native language.
 3. The disciples are speaking in their own language and everyone has a babble fish.
 - I will leave it on the table for you to decide.
- Drunk – In any case there is always a critic in sight. You know your having a good time and someone (like me) has to make fun of you to show that they are more cool than you and you are just a 13 yr old gangley cheese ball in an old mans body.
 - ◇ Peoples stubbornness.
 - ◇ Or they actually can't see.
 - Mrk 4:10; Jesus quoting Isa 6:9-10

Mat 13:10

Mat 13:10 Then the disciples came up and asked Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

Mat 13:11 He answered them, "Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them.

Mat 13:12 For whoever has, more will be given to him, and he will have more than enough. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

Mat 13:13 For this reason I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand.

Mat 13:14 Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You will listen and listen, yet never understand; and you will look and look, yet never perceive.

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart has grown callous; their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn back--and I would cure them.

Mat 13:16 "But your eyes are blessed because they do see, and your ears because they do hear!"

☞ Funny those present at this Pentecost who can hear ask, "What does it mean?"

Act 2:14 But Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: "Jewish men and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and pay attention to my words.

Act 2:15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it's only nine in the morning.

Act 2:16 On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: [2:28-32]

Act 2:17 And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all humanity; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

Act 2:18 I will even pour out My Spirit on My male and female slaves in those days, and they will prophesy.

Act 2:19 I will display wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

Act 2:20 The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and remarkable day of the Lord comes;

Act 2:21 then whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

- First look at this prophecy

- ◇ Begins at the giving of the Holy Spirit and Ends in Revelations
Interestingly the assumption up to this day is that there would be one visit from the Messah.
- ◇ This prophecy out of the book of Joel is actual mainly about the second coming.
 - Joel dates the beginning of prophecy with the coming of the Holy Spirit; Which is Peters point
 - Then the remainder is a prophecy originating in Isa 24:22
 - Jesus repeated in...

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days: The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shed its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the celestial powers will be shaken.

Mat 24:30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

- And again to John in Revelations

Rev 6:12 Then I saw Him open the sixth seal. A violent earthquake occurred; the sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair; the entire moon became like blood;

Rev 6:13 the stars of heaven fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a high wind;

Rev 6:14 the sky separated like a scroll being rolled up; and every mountain and island was moved from its place.

- ⊗ Peter knows the word doesn't he? I don't think that Jesus was randomly selecting people to be His disciples, He was hand selecting those who know His word, for

"...man does not live on bread alone but every word from the mouth of God." ^{Due 8:3}

- Peter is answering the crowds question with scripture, they asked what does this mean?
 1. It means the last days are ticking.
 2. And the Spirit of God is available to all of humanity, to all men, all women, slaves, bums, lawyers, politicians, every one...believe it or not, all people!
- ◇ That is what Peter is getting across....
- And why is it happening... Because of Jesus!
As Peter teaches on...

Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: This Jesus the Nazarene was a man pointed out to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through Him, just as you yourselves know.

Act 2:23 Though He was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him.

Act 2:24 God raised Him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

Act 2:25 For David says of Him: [Ps 16:8-11]
 I saw the Lord ever before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Act 2:26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced. Moreover my flesh will rest in hope,
Act 2:27 because You will not leave my soul in Hades, or allow Your Holy One to see decay.
Act 2:28 You have revealed the paths of life to me; You will fill me with gladness in Your presence.

- Peter teaches, it is because the Messiah has come. That is why the Holy Spirit has come.
 - ◊ It was Jesus guys. He was doing miracles, signs, it as Him.
 - ◊ You had Him killed, but it was Gods plan
 - ◊ And here is the thing, He is the one raised from the dead! As king David had prophesied.
- David says some pretty interesting stuff in this psalm.
 - ◊ I love the statement, “My flesh will rest in hope”
 - I have rest, peace, in the hope in heaven.
 - The idea here is that the Messiah would free the dead from Hades,- from death.
 - And that He would not decay...indicating resurrection.
 - ◊ What did I just say there, Jesus would free the dead from Hades?
 - ◊ Jesus descends to Hades
 - ◊ **Sheol**^{H7585}, **Hades**^{G86}; Hebrew and Greek for the place that the dead go.
 - Lk 16:19; suggests a division in Hades.
 - ◊ **Abyss**^{G12}, **Tartarus**^{G5020}; bottomless pit, deepest part of the bottomless pit
 - ◊ **Gehenna**^{G1067}; valley out the S.W. gate of Jerusalem that was used for child sacrifices to the false god Molech. Ended up as the Jerusalem dump where fires burned almost constantly, and executed criminals and dead sick animals were thrown.
 - But was used as a symbol of punishment in the after life.
 - ◊ **Hell**; Gehenna is almost always translated as Hell..
 - Research scripture; (Rom 10:7, 1Pet 3:19)
- Many strong opinions have been taken on this issue such as....
- 1 Pet 3:19 “...proclamation to the spirits now in prison...”
 Antoine Calmet a french Benedictine in 1700's
 “The opinion which states that Jesus Christ descended into hell, to announce his coming to the ancient patriarchs, and to deliver them from that species of prison, where they had so long waited for him, is incontrovertible; and we (the Catholics) consider it as an article of our faith: but we may doubt whether this be the meaning of St. Peter in this place.”
- At this point however, I do not feel that I understand enough to teach on it; so I would like to leave this with Jesus teaching

Mat 22:23 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and questioned Him,
Mat 22:24 asking, "Teacher, Moses said, 'IF A MAN DIES HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER AS NEXT OF KIN SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP CHILDREN FOR HIS BROTHER.'
Mat 22:25 "Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother;
Mat 22:26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.
Mat 22:27 "Last of all, the woman died.
Mat 22:28 "In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had married her."
Mat 22:29 But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God.
Mat 22:30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.
Mat 22:31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God:
Mat 22:32 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB'? He is not the God of the dead but of the living."
Mat 22:33 When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

- So basically to say, We just don't quite get it. The after life is not very clear to us.

Act 2:29 "Brothers, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
Act 2:30 Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne.
Act 2:31 Seeing this in advance, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not left in Hades, and His flesh did not experience decay.
Act 2:32 "God has resurrected this Jesus. We are all witnesses of this.
Act 2:33 Therefore, since He has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, He has poured out what you both see and hear.
Act 2:34 For it was not David who ascended into the heavens, but he himself says: [Ps 110:1]

 The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand
Act 2:35 until I make Your enemies Your footstool.'
Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah!"

- Let us go straight Jesus explaining this psalm in Mt 22:43

Mat 22:41 While the Pharisees were together, Jesus questioned them,
Mat 22:42 "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose Son is He?" "David's," they told Him.
Mat 22:43 He asked them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls Him 'Lord':
Mat 22:44 The Lord declared to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand until I put Your enemies under Your feet'?
Mat 22:45 "If David calls Him 'Lord,' how then can the Messiah be his Son"
Mat 22:46 No one was able to answer Him at all, and from that day no one dared to question Him any more.

- The First Lord is God and the second is the Messiah to inherited the throne, in David lineage.

Act 2:37 When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: "Brothers, what must we do?"
Act 2:38 "Repent," Peter said to them, "and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Act 2:39 For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call."
Act 2:40 And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt generation!"
Act 2:41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them.

- Repent
 - ◇ Idea of repent that we are usually taught comes from the Hebrew word repent,
 - (Shoob)^{H7725} - To turn back.
 - In Gen 6:6 the KJV says that God Repents that He made Man. (Naw Kham)^{H5162}- Pity for, To grieve, Regrett..
 - ◇ The Greek is Metaneo ^{G3340}
 - To think differently, to change condition.
- Baptize
 - ◇ Representing death and resurrection
 - ◇ Dieing and being born again in Christ
 - ◇ Cleaned to be presented before the Lord (Lev 11:20-40)
 - Sanctification (Hagiazo^{G40})

⊗ And the first mega-church, 3000+ people.

Act 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Act 2:43 Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

(Reverential awe came over everyone) NET
(And awe came upon every soul) ESV

- ◇ A concept that has been largely lost or misunderstood. To have fear of the Lord.
 - Fear in a reverential way, fear in awe and respect.
 - Phil 2:12
(...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.)HCSB
(...continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence)NET
 - Great discussion point, what is meant by “work out” and how is it related to this reverential awe, this fear in the Lord.

Act 2:44 Now all the believers were together and had everything in common.

Act 2:45 So they sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need.

Act 2:46 And every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.

- The KJV reads “...The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”
 - ◇ The direct Byzantine text reads “...Lord added those who were being saved daily to the assembly.”
 - ◇ Church, assembly – (*ek-klay-see'-ah*)^{G1577}. Long Etymology from assembly to Church.
 - ◇ Now the Alexandrian does not include the word (*ekklēsia*); “...Praising God, and having favor with all the people, and the Lord added to those who were being saved daily.”
- But it is the church that we are learning about here. Which is the assembly of those who are believers in Christ.
- There is much to be learned about the structure of the church but I am not going to address this as there is a lot of cultural influence that would need to be taken into account to translate it into our very complex culture.
 - ◇ Just as far as we need to understand that:
 - Eph – Jesus living head of the Church
 - 1Pet 5:4 – Jesus head pastor
 - Heb 3:1, Jesus the Apostle -that plants the Church
- There are, however, a few attitudes that I want to point out that should transcend all church structure or culture.

1. An attitude of giving: “So they sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need.”
 - Commune – Communism
 - Reference 1 Sam 8
(God states to Samuel): For it is not you that they have rejected, but it is me that they have rejected as their king...
(Samuel warns the Israelites): You will cry out because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD won't answer you in that day.
2. They were working out their salvation: “...they devoted themselves to meeting together...”
 - This is something that I think has not been taught very well in our culture.
3. They were glad and had simplicity of heart.
 - Remember David Psalm that Peter just quoted, “My flesh will rest in hope”

In summary.

Point of the story:

The Spirit of God is available to us,

Because of God's plan of redeeming us through Jesus

Who has been resurrected and is alive

So turn toward God and change the way you think about everything

And be Baptized, Die and be born again with the Holy Spirit in you, you are a temple.

And Live as Jesus as your King!