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The Results of Being Filled with the Spirit

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Acts 2:1-13 NKJV

“And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3) Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5) And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6) And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7) Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, ‘Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8) And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9) Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10) Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11) Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.’ 12) So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘Whatever could this mean?’ 13) Others mocking said, ‘they are full of new wine.’”

“NO MORE OPPORTUNE DAY COULD HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THE DISCIPLES TO BEGIN THEIR WITNESS FOR CHRIST; FOR PENTECOST WAS THE MOST POPULAR FEAST OF THE JEWISH YEAR AND THE WHOLE CITY WAS THROGGED WITH PILGRIMS FROM EVERY QUARTER OF THE GLOBE.”

CHARLES ERDMAN

Why does it refer to the day of Pentecost as having “fully” come? What did this day signify to the Jews? Was there a similar sound of wind, brilliance of fire and sound of speaking when God had manifested Himself in the past? What are the numerous reasons in this passage proving that the “tongues” spoken here were native foreign languages? Why was the multitude confused? What had gathered the multitude? Were all these nations close to Jerusalem? What was the unanimous content of the message of those who were filled with the Spirit? Why did it perplex those hearing their own language?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- JUNE 19-21: ACTS 2:14-21 THE FIRST SERMON IN THE CAPITOL - PART 1: SALVATION OFFERED TO ALL

Luke continues to emphasize the unity of the 120 in their first priority, prayer. “*They were all with one accord in one place*” when the Holy Spirit suddenly comes upon them. Acts 1:14 flows into this day because they “*all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.*” The twelfth Apostle, replacing Judas, had been chosen by Christ and all was ready for the Spirit’s coming on this strategic day.

“WHEN ALL WAS STILL; WHEN THERE WAS NO STORM, NO WIND, NO RAIN, NO THUNDER, SUCH A RUSHING SOUND MUST HAVE ARRESTED THEIR ATTENTION AND DIRECTED ALL MINDS TO A PHENOMENON SO UNUSUAL AND UNACCOUNTABLE.” ALBERT BARNES

I. THE SPIRIT’S MANIFESTATION

ACTS 2:1-4

Theophilus, the Governor, is given an intensive word for “*fully*” that also means “fulfilled.” It signals momentous events such as the fall of Babylon (Jer. 25:12 Sept.), the passion and ascension of Christ (Lk. 9:51), and here the beginning of the conquest of the Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is about 9:00 AM on Sunday Morning May 28, 30 A.D., they may have just finished their time

BIBLE STUDIES

WEDNESDAY @ 7:00AM –BIBLE STUDY – FREDERICKSBURG – BOB EVANS ON RT. 3, 11:00AM – WOODBRIDGE – BOB EVANS, 13900 NOBLEWOOD PLAZA

THURSDAY @ 7:30AM –BIBLE STUDY – CHESTER – SHONEY’S AT RT. 10 (IRON BRIDGE ROAD) & 301(12531 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY)

FRIDAY @ 7:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – NORFOLK – GOLDEN CORRAL, 6103 N. MILITARY HWY, NEAR THE NORFOLK AIRPORT

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of prayer in the upper room and probably are seated to read the Scriptures together when suddenly they heard a roar like a tornado descending from heaven! As the whole house filled with the loud sound of a fierce gale, immediately there appeared a great tongue of fire that divided and distributed light as a tongue of fire upon each one of them! Then their joyful hearts exploded in praise to God as they were filled with the promised Holy Spirit and they miraculously voiced their adoration in the perfect dialects of all the foreign countries surrounding them! They must have gone out and sang in the streets of Jerusalem the miraculous majesty of God! (Eph. 5:17-21)

“THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES IN PALESTINE APPEAR TO HAVE SANCTIONED THE USE OF ANY LANGUAGE IN RECITING CERTAIN RELIGIOUS FORMULARIES—THE SHEMA . . . BENEDICTIONS . . . BLESSINGS . . . THE PRAISE OF GOD IN VARIOUS TONGUES WERE THUS HEARD FREQUENTLY IN JERUSALEM DURING GREAT FESTIVALS, WHEN SO MANY PILGRIMS OF THE DIASPORA WERE PRESENT IN THE CITY. NOW, TO THEIR SURPRISE, THESE PILGRIMS HEARD THE PRAISES OF GOD IN ALL THE TONGUES OF THE DIASPORA BEING UTTERED BY GALILAEANS OF ALL PEOPLE! THE EVENT WAS SURELY NOTHING LESS THAN A REVERSAL OF THE CURSE OF BABEL.” F. F. BRUCE

II. THE SPIRIT’S MULTIPLICATION ACTS 2:5-11A
The Feast of Pentecost was the most popular of all the feasts and the most well attended because of the ease of travel during the late spring of the year. It was the first harvest feast, similar to our Thanksgiving, and the usual population of Jerusalem would swell from around 55,000 to well over 200,000. There were Jews who had come “*from every nation under heaven.*” Suddenly, in the quiet of the morning, all of these Jews also heard mighty roar of wind descending upon the house where the early Church had gathered and literally “*the multitude came together and*

were confounded, because each one heard them speaking in his own dialect.” Evidently almost all of the 120 must have been from Galilee because the hearers all are amazed and marvel saying, “*Behold, are not all these who speak, Galileans?*” Those from Galilee were belittled for their inability to speak any language well, and now they are speaking perfectly the individual dialects that only people from those countries can appreciate. “*How do we each hear in his own dialect in which we were born?*” they ask. Then they identify at least 16 foreign countries they are from in which they are hearing these speak in their own specific native language and dialect or accent. Thus, there are 24 reasons to believe that these tongues, given by the Holy Spirit to believers, are spoken in the specific dialects of all present to multiply God’s saving grace to every nation!

“SO IF YOU ASK WHETHER A PERSON IS ‘SPIRIT-FILLED,’ THE ONLY WAY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION IS BY DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT HE OR SHE SPEAKS OFTEN AND EFFECTIVELY ABOUT JESUS.”
JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

III. THE SPIRIT’S MAGNIFICATION ACTS 2:11B-13
Only one, singular content dominated their message as they spoke in all the foreign dialects around them, “*the wonderful works of God.*” The Holy Spirit was not sent by Jesus Christ to exalt His children, but instead to exalt God. Those filled by the Spirit are one in praising God.

“ALL THAT RECITATION OF WHAT GOD HAD DONE PREPARED THE WAY FOR PETER’S PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL BEGINNING IN VERSE 14. THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST WAS THE CLIMAX TOWARD WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS BUILDING.”
JOHN MACARTHUR

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Are you filled with the Spirit and manifesting His love, joy, peace, longsuffering, etc. of Gal. 5:22?
- 2) Does the Holy Spirit move your mouth to exalt God and tell others the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 3) Are you one who is only devout (v. 5) or have you experienced the saving work of Christ?