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2019 Lenten Bible Study taught by Pastor Berry

Acts 2 (3/19/19)

I. What should we know about the book of Acts?

- It's a CONTINUATION of the Gospel of Luke
- It CHRONICLES the Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles
- Entire CITIES & COUNTRIES were reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ by the Apostles

II. What is the Holy Spirit's job? (Fill in the blank)

- _____ us when we've done wrong or about to do wrong.
_____ us to follow God's word and God's direction.
_____ our hearts, hands, and heads toward Christ.
_____ us in times of uncertainty, crisis, and doubt.
_____ with God on our behalf through prayer.

III. What does the Bible say about unity?

- Mark 3:25 - A house divided against itself can't stand
- Amos 3:3 - How can two walk together but they be agreed?
- I Corinthians 14:33 - God is not the author of confusion
- Psalms 133:1 - How good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity

What do we learn from Pentecost?

Pt. 1 - Solidarity of Pentecost (v.1)

- "they were all with one accord in one place"
- There was unity, harmony, and togetherness
- There was camaraderie, commonality, and cohesion
- No conflict, contention, or controversy existed
- No disagreements, discord, or dissent were recorded

Pt. 2 - Sound of Pentecost (v.2)

- "sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind"
- Not the first time we see wind in the Bible:**
- Genesis 2:7 - God breathed life/wind in to man and he became a living being
- Ezekiel 37 - Ezekiel was in valley of dry bones

Pt. 3 - Sight of Pentecost (v.3)

- "appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire"
- Not the first time we see fire in the Bible:**
- Exodus 3 - Moses saw God in a burning bush
- Daniel 3 - 3 Hebrew boys in a fiery furnace
- Jeremiah 20:9 - It was like fire shut up in my bones

Pt. 4 - Spirit of Pentecost (v.4)

- "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost"
- Not the 1st time the Holy Spirit fell on people:**
- Luke 1:35 - Mary during Jesus' conception
- John 1:32 - Jesus during his baptism in the Jordan
- Luke 4:16-20 - Jesus in the synagogue

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What are some ways you can help unify the body of Christ?
- Do you believe Pentecost still happens today?
- How can the church speak the language of people outside the church?
- How was Pentecost both vertical and horizontal?
- Where do you see God blowing a fresh wind?
- How can we reach the unchurched and underchurched?
- Can you identify a time when the Holy Spirit fell on you?
- What are the benefits of being open to the move of the Holy Spirit?