

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Acts: The Church. Established. Empowered. Expanding - Acts 2:14-41 - God's Salvation Through Peter's Proclamation - 09.22.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. I shared the following statement at the beginning of the message about what we will see in the text:
"HOLY SPIRIT-LED PROPHETIC EXPLANATION AND BOLD GOSPEL PROCLAMATION LEAD THOUSANDS TO GOD'S SALVATION"
Where is this all on display in Acts 2:14-41, and how is the Holy Spirit active in each act above (consider John 16:12-15*)?
3. Read Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-10, & Psalm 110:1 (these are the passages that Peter quotes in Acts 2)
How does the Holy Spirit illuminate the truth of these passages and how they all prophesied of Jesus & this time in history?
How do these verses bolster Peter's response to those present who tried to explain away the Holy Spirit's work on Pentecost?
How do these verses reveal the universal invitation of the gospel & the gift of the Holy Spirit that follows faith in Jesus?
4. Read Peter's addresses beyond the Scriptural quotes in Acts 2:22-24, 2:29-33, & 36 -
How do these verses reveal Peter fulfilling Jesus' command to him to "feed His ["His" being "Jesus"] sheep"?
How does he provide clarity of God's sovereignty in bringing about His plans AND human responsibility for their sins?
Why is it necessary for the people to understand BOTH of these truths and that God's plans weren't thwarted by sin?
5. Read Acts 2:37-41 to show the responses of those listening to Peter:
What does Peter tell them to do, and how do we know that many of them listened?
How does verse 37 reveal that the Holy Spirit is leading even these people in HOW they respond to the truths shared by Peter?
What role does repentance play in our lives and why is baptism so important for every person who trusts in Jesus?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
The Holy Spirit reveals previously hidden truths!
Pray for the Spirit to guide you in the truth!
The Holy Spirit comes upon ALL who turn to Christ!
Our unity is found in submission to the Spirit!
The Holy Spirit convicts people of our sinfulness!
We must never quench the Spirit in our lives!
The Holy Spirit draws us to repent & turn to Christ!
By the Spirit, we turn from sin and cling to Jesus!
The Holy Spirit leads Jesus' followers to obey Him!
We are called & equipped by the Spirit to obey!