

The Department of Church Growth and Development
Bible Study Outline from the Book of Acts

Scripture lesson: Acts 2:1-47 Key Verses Acts 2:32,33,36

Lesson#2: The coming of the Holy Spirit & The Birth of the Church

Proposition: The Holy Spirit is The Dynamic Presence of God in the Church, which gives it life, enables it to grow and empower it to share the gospel effectively.

I. The Phenomenal coming of the Holy Spirit (1-4)

- A. The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. (1)
 - 1. The followers of Christ were together in the upper room.
 - 2. The followers of Christ were on one accord.
- B. The Holy Spirit came sounding like a mighty rushing wind. (2)
- C. The Holy Spirit came with what seemed as tongues of fire. (3)
- D. The Holy Spirit came filled everyone in the room. (4)
 - 1. He rested on each of them.
 - 2. He enabled them all to speak in other tongues. (languages)

II. The Crowd's Reaction to the Phenomenon (5-13)

- A. Devout Jews from everywhere were staying in Jerusalem. (5)
- B. Because of the sound heard, a large crowd gathered. (6)
- C. It amazed them to hear their own languages being spoken. (6-12)
 - 1. They recognized that those speaking were Galileans. (7)
 - 2. They wondered how they could speak these languages. (8-11)
 - 3. They heard the wonders of God in their own language. (11)
 - 4. They wondered what this could mean. (12)
- D. Others mocked' saying that they were drunk with new wine. (13)

III. The Apostle Peter's Explanation of the Phenomenon. (14-21)

- A. Peter addressed the Jew and those staying in Jerusalem. (14)
- B. He arose to explain the meaning of this phenomenon. (14)
- C. He assured them that it was not drunkenness. (15)
- D. He said that it was the fulfillment of Joel's prophesy. (16-21; Joel 2:28-32)
 - 1. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days. (17)
 - 2. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people. (17,18)
 - 3. The Holy Spirit empowering all flesh for ministry. (17,18)
 - a. People of both genders (sons & daughters)
 - b. People of all ages (young & old)
 - c. People of all classes (menservants & maidservants)
 - 4. The Holy Spirit enabling salvation for people. (21)

IV. The Apostle Peter's preaching about the Lord, Jesus Christ (22-36)

- A. Peter addressed the men of Israel. (22)
- B. Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested by God. (22)
 - 1. He was attested to them by miracles, wonders & signs.
 - 2. These signs were done by God through Him in their midst.

- c. Jesus was delivered by God's set purpose & foreknowledge. (23)
- d. Jesus was crucified by them with the help of wicked men. (23)
- e. Jesus was resurrected by God & loosed from death's agony. (24)
- f. Jesus resurrection was prophesied by David. (25-31) Psalm 16:8-11]
 - 1. God's presence inspires hope when facing death. (25,26)
 - 2. God's presence inspires hope of a resurrection. (27)
 - 3. God's presence inspires hope of life and joy. (28)
 - 4. David's prophesy was not concerning himself. (29)
 - 5. David knew that God would raise Christ to his thorn. (30)
 - 6. David was speaking about the resurrection of Christ. (31)
- G. Jesus was raised by God and they are all witnesses. (32)
- H. Jesus was exalted to the right hand of God. (33)
- I. Jesus received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. (33)
- J. Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit that they now see & hear. (33)
- K. Jesus ascension & exaltation were prophesied by David. (34, 35) (Psalm 110:1)
 - 1. David never ascended into heavens.
 - 2. David prophesied Christ's exaltation & Victory.
- L. Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord & Christ. (36)

V. The people's response to the Gospel (37-41)

- A. Convicted by the message, the people sought instructions. (37)
- B. Peter instructed & exhorted them about salvation. (38-40)
 - 1. "Repent and be baptized" (38)
 - a. "in the names of Jesus Christ for remission of sins"
 - b. "and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
 - 2. The promise is for you and your children "(39)
 - a. "and to all who are afar off"
 - b. "as many as the Lord our God will call"
 - 3. "Be saved from this perverse generation. "
- C. 3000 were baptized and added to the church that day. (41)

VI. The evidences of Holy Spirit's presence in the church. (42-47)

- A. Devout attendance to the appointed means of grace" (42)
 - 1. The ministry of the word
 - 2. The fellowship of the saints
 - 3. The communion service and /or fellowship meals
 - 4. The prayer meetings
- B. Respect for leaders as agents of God's supernatural power (43)
- C. Unity among the believers (44-46)
 - 1. Sharing resources (44,45)
 - 2. Caring for the needs of all (45)
 - 3. Worshipping together in the temple (46)
 - 4. Eating together in their homes (46)
 - 5. Sincerely enjoying each other's fellowship (46)
- D. Passionate praise (47)
- E. Favor with the people of the community (47)
- F. Spiritual and numerical growth (47)