

Walking In The Way Of Jesus; Acts 2
Considering the path from the tomb to the world

Acts 2 NKJV

2:1-4 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all ^[a]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 (tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each). ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Evaluate and consider the incredible occurrence of verses 5-11

2:12-13 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.”

NOTICE that some were amazed and perplexed while others determined to not consider this powerful display by mocking. Still the world we live in today.

Verses 14-21 Peter proclaims the prophet, Joel.

2:22-24 *“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed (destroyed or abolished) the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*

Verses 25-28 Peter proclaims David’s prophecy concerning Messiah.

2:29-33 *“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.*

Verses 34-35 Peter quotes David once again.

2:36-39 *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**” ³⁷ Now when they heard this, **they were cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**”³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (forgiveness) of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy*

Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

NOTICE that Peter proclaims both Lord and Christ.

This is an example of the power of the Holy Spirit at work and the response of the men who were present. These men asked what to do next.....what do we do?

The response to this question has not changed since the day of Pentecost. Reread Vs 38-39

*2:40-47 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ **Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.** ⁴² **And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine (teaching) and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.** ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ **Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,** ⁴⁵ **and sold their possessions and goods, and divided (distributed) them among all, as anyone had need.** ⁴⁶ **So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,** ⁴⁷ **praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.***

Acts 1:8 ESV But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Greek word used for “power” here is “DUNAMIS,” and it means “miraculous power” (Strong’s Concordance). This word was also translated as “ability,” “might,” and “strength.” It is the root word from which we derive our words “dynamic” and “dynamite.” This clearly speaks of the presence and anointing of the Holy Spirit as being the power source in the believers’ lives. It was this anointing power of the Holy Spirit that worked miracles in the life of Jesus.

*Acts 10:38 NASB 1995 “You know of Jesus of Nazareth, **how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power,** and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.*

Witness defined Greek word “martyr” (mar-toos)

“A witness” A. in legal sense.....what one has seen and heard

B. an historical sense.....a spectator of anything

C. in an ethical sense.....those who after His example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death, a martyr

Testifying of what you have experienced. “Testimonial or Testimony”

What is your story? What is your faith experience with Jesus?

What many have been taught about evangelism training and soul winning are not the context of what we see proclaimed in the early church.

God’s plan is way more simple than we realize. We are the ones that complicate the process.

We don’t need to be “Super Saints” but rather “Simple Witnesses” of what He has done for us.

Men, share with other men what Jesus has done for you.

Fishing, hunting, farming, gaming, wrenching, welding, horses, cattle, sheep, fencing, or whatever you enjoy. If it’s not sin then pursue life for God’s glory and tell your story.

Testify of what Jesus has done in your life. What you have seen, heard, and experienced by faith is the power of the gospel through your life!!!

1 John 1:1-3 NIV

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

The Lord has empowered us to be witnesses, **not the judge and jury**. Witnesses simply relate what they have experienced, thereby providing evidence of something true. We are to witness in word and deed to the truth of Jesus being alive in us, and let God be the one who convicts

John 16:8 NKJV *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

The proclamation now creates an invitation for us to participate in telling our story of faith.

What we have experienced of the Spirit of the Living God because of Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

We joyfully, gladly share our story of faith. We share our testimonial. We are witness of what we have seen and heard from the Holy Spirit.

He has loved us and we have believed in His great love therefore we have the privilege to share love with other people.