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**THE MEANS BY WHICH GOD IS GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IS GOING TO BE THE HOLY SPIRIT – V.14-17**

*Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them,*

*"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.*

*Act 2:15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.*

*Act 2:16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: Act 2:17 'AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH;*

**WHAT THREE THINGS DID PETER SAY WERE GOING TO HAPPEN?**

*# 1. THE MEANS BY WHICH GOD IS GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IS GOING TO BE THE HOLY SPIRIT – Acts 2:14-17*

*v. 14 “with the eleven, – It is important because it answers a question about chapter 1:20-26 - Is Paul the twelfth apostle? Did the disciples to the wrong thing in casting lots to add Matthias? The answer from the phrase is very clear, the disciples did the right thing. Paul is not one of the twelve, though he is an apostle, Matthias was chosen. The Holy Spirit includes it here in verse 14. The eleven plus Peter is obviously twelve; Matthias has already been included by the Holy Spirit.*

*v. 14 “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. - The PRESENCE of God is going to be experienced by all mankind. In the Old Testament the average person did not know of the Holy Spirit*

*vs. 15-17a For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.*

*[16] But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: [17] ‘AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; - The POURING OUT of the Holy Spirit on all mankind –Joel 2:23, 27-28 - Some people say that this is only on Jews, not Gentiles, Revelation chapters 7 and 14 – Also the 144,000 Tribulation Jews will have the Holy Spirit poured out on them. Zechariah 12:10-12; 13:8-9 - And 1/3 of the nation of Israel at the end of the Tribulation period, upon whom the Holy Spirit will be poured out. – Joel 3:1; 9-16*

*Is the Holy Spirit poured out on the Gentiles as well? In Joel 2:29, “male and female servants,” refers to Gentile servants of Jews. The only term of bond servant or slave applied to Gentiles. If the Jewish God is primarily working with men not women, then when Joel says the Spirit is going to be poured out on both male and female, that’s incredible to say the least.*

**“PETER’S SERMON” - Acts 2:14-21**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Peter here gives them an explanation of the miracle that they were observing. He immediately tells them that they are not drunk. It’s the third hour of the day (9AM). Now some would think that the immediate reason for that statement is that people are normally drunk at night rather than in the morning. But there is something Jewish behind that as well. The Jewish people are very careful about mixing certain drinks and food together. And what they eat for breakfast they don’t mix wine with. What Peter is saying is that it simply isn’t cultural. So he is saying that is not what has happened.

There is something greater that has happened here; it is something that the scriptures have fulfilled. He quoted from Joel 2:28.

Peter says three things happened on the Day of Pentecost that are going to continue to happen until the Lord returns. Now the question is what period of time is Joel talking about. Peter said that his message was the same thing that Joel predicted. Peter says it will happen in the last days. The phrase “the last days” causes one to think of the time immediately before the second coming of Christ. But when do the last days begin? How long are the last days? I believe Peter settles the argument. He tells us that on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2, is when the last days begin. The last days is referring to the interval between the first and second coming of Christ. All during that period of time, God is going to pour out His Spirit on all mankind.

**PETER'S SERMON – THE FIRST SERMON OF THE CHURCH, PART 1 -- ACTS 2:14-21**

**OBSERVATION**

**INTERPRETATION**

**APPLICATION**

**YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS  
SHALL PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN  
SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN  
SHALL DREAM DREAMS.**

**THE METHOD and THE ANSWER TO WHY  
HE DID THIS – vs. 18-20**

**Rev Act 2:18 AND ON MY MENSERVANTS  
AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR  
OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS; AND  
THEY SHALL PROPHECY.**

**Act 2:19 I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN  
HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE  
EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND  
VAPOR OF SMOKE. [20] THE SUN SHALL  
BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE  
MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE  
COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME  
DAY OF THE LORD.**

**v. 17b YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL  
PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR  
OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS.** - So what was the  
PURPOSE of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit? –

Some say it is to give us salvation  
Some also say it is to do miraculous things.

**#2/3 - THE METHOD and THE ANSWER TO WHY HE DID  
THIS**

**v. 18 “AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY.** So they will  
PROPHECY” (preach the gospel of salvation) – The great  
tragedy of this current generation is the belief that  
somehow what God did at Pentecost, in pouring out His Spirit  
doesn’t work or isn’t for today. But we are to boldly proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ even in the face of persecution.

**Vs. 19-20 “I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE  
AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE  
AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. [20] THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED  
INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE  
THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE  
LORD.** - The POWER of God would be displayed in a miraculous  
way – If you believe that the Day of Pentecost was glorious, it was  
only a drop in the bucket compared to what is coming. All the  
tongues that were spoken in Jerusalem was just a start of the  
greater things that are to come. The power of God in terms of His  
character is really a reflection of who God is. It is teaching us  
about the One who does this. The greatness of God on display!  
Matthew 24:29; Luke 21:25 – The great climax of all is the second  
coming of Jesus Christ.

**Are you really committed to this – to  
prophesying? To the carrying out the Great  
Commission? To boldly proclaim the good  
news of Christ? To get the gospel out, no  
matter what? To be a creditable witness?  
To be disciplers?**

**Do you believe that we are on the threshold  
of the great climax of all, the second coming  
of Jesus Christ?**

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**V. 2:21 AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'** -  
The PURPOSE of God would be fulfilled

Whoever? Every last man, woman and child, male or female.

Why? Because God is going to fulfill His promise to Abraham. This is the day of opportunity, the day of open door for the Gentiles. Paul writes about it many, many times. And how is God going to do this? By the Holy Spirit.

Everyone that calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. That's a great message to proclaim and don't complicate it. None of us could be saved if God did not call us. If God, the Holy Spirit, did not work on our hearts, none of us would want to respond to God. If someone said they wanted to be saved, who do you think gave them the desire? Jesus said, "no man can come to Me, unless the Father draws him."

We should thank God that in His grace and love He has so graciously met our need, as to cause us to desire Him.

Whoever will call on His name, the Bible says, will be saved.  
Your church membership won't save you!  
Your good works or deeds or performance, won't save you!

**ONLY CHRIST CAN SAVE YOU!!!!**

Are you willing or have you fallen on your face and cried out to the Lord, be merciful to me a sinner!!  
I need You!  
I want You to be my Lord and Savior forever!!

**Peter's point is that what we are to be doing until the second coming of Christ is to tell everyone about the gospel!**

**Tit 3:4-7 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, [5] not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

**PETER'S SERMON – THE FIRST SERMON OF THE CHURCH, PART 1 -- ACTS 2:14-21**

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		<p><b><u>Questions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How would you describe “the last days”? When did they begin? (v. 17) When do they end?</li><li>2. Does the prophecy of Joel apply to the future? How can you prove that it happened in the past? In the future?</li><li>3. How can you prove that the prophecy of Joel applies to Gentiles as well as Jews? (<i>Joel 2:18</i>) Only to Jewish men?</li><li>4. Is God pouring out His Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost for salvation only? For miraculous things to be done? <u>So that everyone, every last man, woman and child, born of God, will prophesy? So that the promise to Abraham will be completely fulfilled? For the transformation of the apostles &amp; all believers from being trembling and fearful to being bold evangelists-to boldly proclaim the gospel, continuing steadfastly?</u></li><li>5. Where does the boldness of Peter come from? (<i>cf. Jn. 20:22?</i>)</li><li>6. Do you believe that the impact and effect of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, continues until this day?</li><li>7. Do you believe that we are on the threshold of the <u>greatest climax of all, the second coming of Jesus Christ.</u></li></ol>
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