

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-47; Acts 10:45-46; Acts 19:1-12.

LESSON 116 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "The promise is unto you" (Acts 2:39).

BIBLE TEXTS

Acts 2:1-47;

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?
13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.
14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and

your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 10:45-46;

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Acts 19:1-12.

1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

7 And all the men were about twelve.

8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

NOTES

The Upper Room

A great number of people who loved and believed Jesus – 120 in all – were praying together in a large room upstairs in a house in Jerusalem. Peter was there that day, and James and John and many other friends of Jesus. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was also with those who were rejoicing and thanking God together. This was just after Jesus had gone away into Heaven. He had told them that when He went away He would send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts and comfort them. Now they were waiting for the Comforter – the Holy Spirit – as Jesus had told them to do.

The Holy Spirit would teach them from the Bible how God wanted them to live. He would also give them power so that they could help other people to be saved and live for God.

One Accord

Each one of these 120 people was saved and sanctified. We know that they were saved because they were doing what Jesus wanted them to do. They were not doing the bad things they did before they knew Jesus. We know they were sanctified because they agreed and were happy together. They had it in their heart to believe all that Jesus had told them, and they wanted to tell people in all the world that they should love Jesus and be saved. They needed more help from Jesus to go out and work for Him.

His Coming

“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.” The Holy Spirit filled their hearts. They felt the comfort and love that He brought to their hearts. They knew of His coming also because He spoke through each of them words that they did not understand – in a language that they did not know. The Holy Spirit comes into clean sanctified hearts today in just the same way.

Noised Abroad

There were many people in Jerusalem that day. It was a holiday, called the Day of Pentecost. It was something like our Thanksgiving Day, a special time of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for all His goodness. Some of the people had been born in faraway lands where they spoke different languages from that which the people of Jerusalem and Galilee spoke.

Many people heard what was happening in the upper room. They came and were very much surprised to hear these people of Galilee talking about God in the languages, which they spoke in the faraway lands. Some of those who came wanted to know how they could have this wonderful experience. Some did not believe that this was a blessing from God, and spoke against Jesus’ disciples.

Peter’s Sermon

Peter stood up and told the people that this was God’s Spirit whom He would send “upon all flesh.” We believe that means every saved and sanctified man and woman, boy and girl, who wants Him with all their heart. A prophet named Joel had said that the Holy Spirit would come to the hearts of sons and daughters and servants – to children as well as to grown-up people – and that they would prophesy. To prophesy means to tell others about God and Heaven.

Power

When we are saved and sanctified, we can tell others that we love Jesus and that they should love Him, too; but when we have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, those whom we tell about Jesus feel that they should pray and ask God to forgive them and give them a new heart. The Holy Spirit makes us strong to work for Jesus.

Peter told them how bad it was that they had put Jesus on a cross. But Jesus could not stay in the grave. He rose again and went up to Heaven to be with His Father. Just as He said He would do, Jesus had that very day sent the Holy Spirit to comfort His disciples, and to help them every day to do what the Bible tells all people to do.

Repentance

The people knew that what Peter said was true, and many of them were sorry they had put Jesus on the cross. They wanted to know what they could do so they wouldn't feel guilty any more. Peter told them if they were sorry enough to stop doing wrong things, and asked God to forgive them, they would be saved. Many, many people – about, 3,000 – prayed as Peter told them, and were saved that day. They were to be baptized in water, and to ask Jesus to sanctify them. Then they would also receive the Holy Spirit.

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, or he could not have preached as he did.

For You

The promise that Jesus made that He would send the Holy Spirit was not made to the disciples of that time alone, but “the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” God has called us today to love and serve Him. When we are saved and sanctified, we may receive the Holy Spirit, too.

Oh, how happy we are just to think of receiving the Holy Spirit in our hearts! Although many years have passed since that Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit still comes to us when we want Him very, very much and pray for Him to come.

Hungry

One day a young man who loved Jesus and whose heart was clean and holy, heard that he could have the Holy Spirit. He had wanted to tell his friends and others about Jesus, but he was timid and did not speak well. He wanted the Holy Spirit very, very much and prayed at the altar every time he came to church.

Have you ever lain awake at night, wanting something very much? This young man did not want to sleep, but neither did he want to disturb his sister and her husband and children with whom he lived. His little niece and nephew had a playhouse on the back of the lot where they played during the day. He went there and prayed to God at night. Very soon the Holy Spirit came to live in his heart and helped him to tell others about Jesus, and he became a great preacher.

God gives us the Holy Spirit when our hearts are hungry for Him as this young man's was.

Ready for Jesus' Coming

A little boy at the Camp Meeting last year cried because he was not saved. His mother had read to him from the Bible that Jesus is coming some day soon – we do not know just when – to take away with Him the men and women and boys and girls who love Him with all their heart and do what He wants them to do every day.

This boy wanted Jesus to take him when He comes. He prayed at the altar at the close of the children's meeting one morning, and Jesus forgave him and washed his heart clean. This made him very happy, but he knew Jesus wanted him to be sanctified and to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In a few days Jesus sanctified him and made his heart more clean and holy. He kept on praying and soon he was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now he prays for others who want to be ready to go with Jesus when he comes. This boy lived for Jesus all through the school year. He listens to the Bible and prays every day. It is wonderful to have Jesus in your heart all through life.

QUESTIONS

1. Give the name of the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples. Acts 2:1.
2. How did the disciples know they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:4.
3. Who may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:39.
4. What makes us ready to receive the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:1.
5. What three things does the Holy Spirit do for us? John 14:16, John 14:26; John 16:13; Acts 1:8.

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Use Me Today

Blessed Holy Spirit, use me today,

Let me feel Thy power now as I pray;

Blessed Holy Spirit, use me today

Cleanse and fill me, mould me,

Use me today

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2

