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How It Changes Everything!

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Acts 2:1-13 "The Wait Is Over"

Could there be more to the Christian life than what you are currently living? (John 14:16-17; 20:21-22; Acts 1:8)

The Spirit-filled Experience is...

A Profound Sense of God's Presence & Redemptive Plan:

- Don't get distracted by the unusual phenomena. Vv2-4 wind, fire, tongues; Acts 10:46, 19:6
- It is the truth about Jesus filling our hearts overflowing our lives. V11 "telling...the mighty works (mega-works) of God" (Luke 1:41, 67, 3:21-22, 4:1-13; Acts 4:31, 7:55-56, 13:9) What are the "mega-works" of God? Eph. 2:8-10; 2 Cor. 5:21, 8:9, 9:8; Rom. 5:1, 8:31-32
- It happens in the context of ministry for greater ministry. (Acts 1:12-26; Eph. 5:18-21)

A Foretaste of Heaven Giving us a Taste for Heaven: V1

Pentecost was an annual Jewish holiday celebrating the harvest by giving first fruits. (Lev. 23:20)

- The Holy Spirit came on this day as first fruits of the Believers inheritance. (2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:11, 14).
- The first fruits are a small taste of what is coming in the future with Christ. (Rom 8:18-26; 2 Cor. 4:16; Rev. 21:1-7).
- We (The Church) have the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the spiritual, psychological, social and physical breakdown of this fallen world. But, remember it's only the first fruits. (Rom. 8:9-17; Eph. 1:19-23; Gifts: 1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12; Eph. 4; Fruit: Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 13)

A Heart for the world of lost People who Matter to God:

vv5-11

- The Holy Spirit brings racial harmony and cultural unity. (Gen 10-11; Gal. 3:28-29)
- The best way to attract others to Christ is to lip smack about God's "mega-works" connecting with their minds and hearts. (V11; Ps. 105:1-2; Col. 4:5-6; 1 Pet. 3:15)
- The "mega-works" of God will give us a humble (love) confidence (truth) that will reach some and repel others. (Vv12-13; 1 Cor. 1:18)



Growing

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- 1) Could there be more to the Christian life than you are currently living? You cannot meet the resurrected Savior Jesus and remain the same. Add to that the Spirit-filled experience and you are no longer suited for a normal life explainable by natural causes. Explain.
- 2) Read Acts 2:1-13. What is the most obvious to you? Why do think it's so easy to get distracted by the phenomena in vv2-4 (wind/fire/tongues) and miss the most important point in v11? In light of v11 what does it mean that the Spirit-filled life is the truth about Jesus filling our hearts and overflowing our lives?
- 3) The mighty works of God (v11) is basically the Gospel. What is the Gospel and how does it differ from other religions? What would you say to someone who is unexcited about the Gospel ("Mighty works of God")? Why does the Spirit-filled experience happen in the context of ministry for greater ministry (Acts 1:12-26)?
- 4) Pentecost was a Jewish holiday & with the 1st Harvest came an offering of first fruits. How is the giving of the Holy Spirit first fruits of the believers inheritance (2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:11, 14)? How is this a foretaste of what is coming in the future with Christ (Rev. 21:1-7)? Though we have the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome this fallen world (Rom. 8:9-17; Eph. 1:19-23) why is it important to remember it's only the first fruits?
- 5) How do vv5-11 show us that the Spirit-filled life is a heart for lost people who matter to God? Why is lip-smacking about the mighty works of God a great way to evangelize? What results can we expect vv12-13?