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MESSAGE NOTES
Acts 29

Acts Chapter 2
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Acts 2:38-39

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Activating Relationship

- Repent; change of heart and change of conduct
- Be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ
- Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Believe the promise is for you

Each of us has been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and invited into relationship with Him.

Acts 2:40-41

And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

NOTES:

Outpourings of the Holy Spirit are marked with unusual manifestations.

Acts 2:14-15

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day."

The Ten Greatest Revivals

The Baby Boomer Revival, 1965-1975
The World War II Revival, 1935-1950
The Revival of 1904
The Layman's Prayer Revival, 1857-1861
The General Awakening, 1830-1840
The Second Great Awakening, 1780-1810
The Great Awakening, 1727-1750
The Protestant Reformation, 1517
The Pre-Reformation Revivals, 1300-1500
Pentecost, the Beginning of Revival, A.D. 30

The Holy Spirit will often offend the mind to reveal the heart.

Acts 2:16-18

But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."

Acts 2:19-21

And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Foundational Faith Activates the Power of the Holy Spirit in Your Life

1. Faith for _____

The Holy Spirit has given us power and authority to operate in mighty works, signs and wonders that Jesus did.

Acts 2:22

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know...

When we partner with the Holy Spirit in our lives there is an activating power residing in his nature to do the impossible.

John 14:12

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Don't believe the lie that you only have been given only a portion of the Holy Spirit. Activate your faith to believe for the fullness of His power.

Activating Faith

- Faith comes through hearing the Word
- Faith comes by asking God to increase it
- Faith comes when we confess our unbelief and ask for help to overcome it
- Understanding faith can grow

2. Faith for _____

God's resurrection power can trump anything that holds us here on earth.

Acts 2:23-24

...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

The resurrection of Jesus was one of the apostles' strongest emphases and it should be ours. The same resurrection power has been given to each of us if we believe.

Ephesians 1:19-20

...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places...

3. Faith for the _____

Acts 2:33

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Understanding the reality of the Holy Spirit is an invitation for more of Him.

Acts 2:36-37

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"