

Joel 2:12-31

Joel II: The Pentecostal Preacher

Return ...

- I. A Troublesome Condition
 - A. Sin & Wrath
 - B. Jealousy, Pity & Promise
 - C. Unmerited Mercy
- II. A Call to Repentance
 - A. The Immediate Concern
 - B. The Real Thing
 - C. The Ultimate Solution
- III. Completion in Christ
 - A. The Answer to Repentance
 - B. The Promise of Permanence
 - C. The Outpouring of the Spirit

... and be restored and refreshed.

Children, Listen ...

1. Does it surprise you that God shows mercy to sinners? Why or why not?
2. What is repentance?
3. How can Christians know that their sins really are forgiven?
4. Who does Jesus promise to send to His people once He goes up into heaven?
5. If a person has Jesus as Savior do they also have the Holy Spirit in their life?

But if I go ...

If we were among the original disciples of Christ we would probably feel the way they did about Jesus telling them that he was leaving – we would be deeply saddened. And then, when it really began to sink in that He was going to be crucified they were overwhelmed and grief stricken – assuredly it would have been too. But Jesus assures them that it is a good, in fact an absolutely necessary thing that needs to happen. Believers know it is so. If Jesus did not die there would be no forgiveness of sins, if He did not rise we would not have new life in Him, and if He did not ascend to the right hand of the Father we would not be indwelt with the Holy Spirit. After Jesus ascends His promise to send the Holy Spirit is soon fulfilled (Acts 2) as multitudes of people were gathered from all over on the Day of Pentecost. So much is bound up in that great and awesome day when the Spirit came upon the church – in fact just about everything that has to do with salvation applied to our lives. Everything from the conviction of sin, repentance, sanctification, assurance, etc.; and even the real presence of Christ with us is realized through the coming and abiding of the Holy Spirit in the people of God in Christ from that day on. Joel foretold it from a distance, Peter declared it to have been fulfilled in his day, and we know it is for us to this very day. Joel pointed to it, Peter preached it and we (even believing Presbyterians!) appreciate God's Pentecostal blessing poured out upon us!