

SERMON NOTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

TITLE: The Promise Fulfilled

TEXT: Acts 2:1-13

THEME: The Great Commission

PROP.: We must understand the promise of God for Great Commission living.

INTER.: What did God do when He sent the Holy Spirit to the Church?

I. Setting the Scene (Acts 2:1)

A. The Simplicity

B. The Sovereignty

C. The Significance (Symbolism)

II. The Spirit's Arrival (Acts 2:2-4)

A. The Simplicity

B. The Sovereignty

C. The Significance (symbolism)

III. The Spectators (Acts 2:5-13)

A. The Simplicity

B. The Sovereignty

C. The Significance

Conclusion: What does Pentecost mean to us?

QUESTIONS:

1. What did you hear?
2. In each section of this passage, when human experience is described simplicity is emphasized. Why do you think this is?
3. The actions of the people involved are clearly minimized. What does this say about “religious activity” in relation to the work of God?
4. In each section of the passage we see that the sovereignty of God is magnified. What should this teach us about God’s work in our lives?
5. Jesus did exactly what He said He would do, in exactly the way He said He would do it, and exactly at the time that He had planned. What should this teach us about trusting the Lord?
6. Even though they didn’t understand what Jesus was saying, the disciples obeyed, stayed, and prayed. These seem like simple things, but how are they essential for our spiritual health, especially when we might not understand what Jesus is doing?
7. Jesus said, “He that loves me will keep my commandments.” This was essential for receiving His promise. Jesus was clear that the disciples weren’t going to get what they wanted (a restored Kingdom of Israel), but that if they would trust and obey they would get what He promised (which was far better). How should this impact us when we deal with disappointment?
8. It is most often true that people abandon God and disobey His Word when they have faced disappointment, disillusionment, and despair. These times come for all of us in life. What should we do when those times come?
9. How does Acts 2:1-13 impact your understanding of the importance of the Church?
10. In light of this passage, what should our commitment to the Church be like? Is your commitment what it should be? In our context, what should commitment to Church look like?