

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series

Acts of the Apostles

Peter's Powerful Preaching

Acts 2:14-35

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,

That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your young men shall see visions,

Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days;

And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above

And signs in the earth beneath:

Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness,

And the moon into blood,

Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

²¹ And it shall come to pass

That whoever calls on the name of the LORD

Shall be saved.'

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him:

'I foresaw the LORD always before my face,

For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;

Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

²⁷ For You will not leave my soul in Hades,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

²⁹ "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

³⁴ "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

'The LORD said to my Lord,

"Sit at My right hand,

³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." '

1. Read Luke 22:56-62
 - What changes do you see in Peter in comparison to these verses?
 - What caused this difference in Peter?

2. Read Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 16:8-11 and Psalm 110:1.
 - Knowing that Peter was a fisherman and a Galilean, how is this surprising and possible that he was able to quote these three Old Testament passages?
 - In the midst of what was happening, why was important for Peter to quote passages from the Old Testament?

3. In v.17, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;”
 - What do you think “in the last days” will be like?
 - What does “I will pour out My Spirit on the flesh” mean?
 - Between the concerning things that will happen in the last days, and sharing the gospel with the lost, which do you think most Christians are concerned about?
 - As Christians, what should we be doing since we are in the “last days”?

4. What is holding you back from serving the Lord as you should? How can we pray about that?