

INTRODUCTION

- * Submitting to the commandment of Christ, the disciples had WAITED in Jerusalem and the Holy Spirit had come upon them with power as Jesus had promised. Now was their opportunity to fulfill the rest of the promise ... that they WOULD BE witnesses!
- * Over the past two weeks we considered the Scriptural Testimony regarding the indwelling and empowering of the Holy Spirit, and the use of signs as a means to authenticate the Gospel Message ... and especially, the Sign Gift of Languages to confirm it to unbelieving Jews.
- * Today, we have the opportunity to consider the witness of Peter as he presented truth to the Jews (and proselytes to Judaism) who had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of In-Gathering (Pentecost). The crowd was brought together by the miraculous sign of the coming of the Holy Spirit with power upon them.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE SITUATION****A. The P _____ of Peter (v. 14-36)**

1. REGARDING THE COMING OF THE S _____ (v. 14-21)
 - a. The Quote (cf. cf. Joel 2:28-32; Revelation 6:12-13)
 - b. The Remnant (Joel 2:32b)
2. REGARDING THE COMING OF THE M _____ (v. 22-36)
 - a. The Attestation of God (v. 22)
 - * miracles (dunamis - power; hence, displays of power; mighty works) - Matt 11:20,21,23; Luke 19:37
 - * wonders (teras - a prodigy: an act or event so extraordinary as to inspire wonder) - ALL 16 times coupled with "signs"
 - * signs (saemeion - a sign; something that marks significance); Matt 12:38-39; 16:1-4; 17x in John; 13x in Acts
 - b. The Crucifixion on the Cross (v. 23)
 - c. The Resurrection from the Dead (v. 24-35; cf. Psalm 16:8-11; 110:1)
 - d. The Accusation of the Apostle (v. 23, 36)

B. The C _____ of the Crowd (v. 37)

1. THE C _____ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (cf. John 16:8-11; Romans 10:13-17; Hebrews 4:12)
2. THE R _____ OF THE PEOPLE (cf. John 6:28-29; Acts 16:29-31; 17:2-5; 26:26-28; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8; 2:13)

II. THE SOLUTION**A. The D _____ of Peter (v. 38-40)**

1. CHANGE YOUR THINKING! (cf. Matthew 4:17; 11:20-21; Luke 16:29-31)
 - a. About Jesus (cf. Romans 10:8-10)
 - b. About Righteousness (cf. Romans 10:1-4; Titus 3:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
2. BE IMMERSED! (cf. v. 41; Matthew 3:11, 16; 20:22-23; 28:19; John 3:23; Acts 8:12; 8:36-38; 19:3-5; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:8-11)
 - * Immersion is the Expression of Salvation ... NOT the Means of Salvation (cf. 1 Cor 1:17; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47-48 16:31; Rom 10:9)
3. BE DELIVERED! (cf. Philippians 2:12-16; Matthew 16:4; 17:17; Ephesians 4:17-24)

B. The D _____ of the People (v. 41; Exodus 19:1-20:21; 32:25-28; Leviticus 23:4-16)**INTROSPECTION**

- * Have you REPENTED? Have you changed the way you thought about Jesus and called upon Him to deliver you from your sins? Have you accepted Him as the Lord of your life?
- * Have you BEEN IMMERSED? Have you submitted to His command to be identified with Him through the SIGN that He has chosen for His followers?
- * Have you BEEN DELIVERED from this perverse generation? Or, are you still dabbling in its perverseness?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think, and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we, as an assembly, **more boldly** proclaim His message of redemption in our community?