

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus commanded His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in order that they would be witnesses on His behalf in Jerusalem, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world.
- * Last week, as we considered the Scriptural Testimony of the coming and ministry of the Holy Spirit, we saw that there is both the Internal Presence of the Holy Spirit and the External Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. When you accept Christ as your Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to indwell you. You become the temple of the Holy Spirit and He seals your salvation by becoming the guarantee of your redemption until the day of Christ's return. After salvation, we are told that the Holy Spirit then "comes upon" believers, immersing (baptizing) and clothing them with power in order for them to fulfill the task which God has called upon them to supernaturally perform. This, we saw, is the "Filling" of the Holy Spirit record in Acts 2. Biblically, those who were "filled with the Holy Spirit" would then speak the message of God boldly.
- * Today, we continue our examination of this special out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost by considering the "Speaking in Tongues" phenomenon. Again, we will derive our opinion from the testimony of Scripture and not personal experience.

INSTRUCTION

I. IN THE CONTEXT OF ACTS

A. Acts 2:1-21

1. THE LOCATION:
2. THE SITUATION:
 - a. The E _____ of the Holy Spirit
 - b. The G _____ of the Holy Spirit (cf. v. 4, 6,8,11, 14)
 - * cf. Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15
 - * cf. Genesis 10:5,20,31; 11:7; Isaiah 28:11
 - * cf. Acts 4:18; 26:25; 2 Peter 2:16,18
3. THE CONCLUSION:

B. Acts 10: 44-48

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2. THE SITUATION:
3. THE CONCLUSION:

C. Acts 19:1-8

1. THE LOCATION:
2. THE SITUATION (cf. Matthew 3:11):
3. THE CONCLUSION:

II. IN THE CONTEXT OF SCRIPTURE (cf. 1 Corinthians 12-14)

A. The D _____ of the Gift (12: 7, 11)

B. The C _____ of the Gift (12: 8-10)

C. The T _____ of the Gift (12: 10)

D. The S _____ of the Gift (13: 1-13)

E. The A _____ of the Gift (14: 1-19)

F. The M _____ of the Gift (14: 20-22; cf. Isaiah 28:11-12; Romans 10:19-20; 11:11; Hebrews 2:1-4)

INTROSPECTION

- * Is your belief in the ministry of the Holy Spirit based upon your own experience, upon the experience of others, or upon the Word of God?
- * If you have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit then YOU have been gifted for the betterment of the body of Christ. What are you doing with your gift?
- * The purpose of the sign gifts was to bear validation to the proclamation of the Gospel Message to the unsaved, not for the internal pleasure of the church. Are you boldly proclaiming the message of redemption?
- * 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, better proclaim His message of redemption in our community?