

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026 // BOOK OF ACTS

GOD Poured OUT HIS SPIRIT (ACTS 2:14–21) "PETER STOOD UP WITH THE ELEVEN"

Verse 40 tells us that "with many other words he testified and strongly urged them."

- What we have of "Peter's sermon," when he stood up as the leader and spokesperson of the disciples, is a shorter, abridged version of what was said that day, but what we have is just as inspired as the words he spoke.

"IT'S ONLY NINE IN THE MORNING"

Peter used the words of Joel 2:28–32 to describe what was happening on the day of Pentecost and show the crowd that the disciples were not full of "spirits" but full of the Holy Spirit.

- The Jewish people reserved the first portion of the day for prayer, so they would not have eaten or drunk anything until after the "third hour."

"AND IT WILL BE IN THE LAST DAYS"

Joel's words were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born, and over two thousand years have passed since Jesus ascended.

- The last days Joel spoke of are more of a season than a set amount of time. There are things in Joel's prophecy that were fulfilled throughout that season, and some will be fulfilled when that season comes to an end.

FROM DROPS TO AN OUTPOURING

Under the Old Covenant, specific people were filled with the Holy Spirit for a specific time and purpose. Now, under the New Covenant, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is available to all who submit their lives to the rule and reign of Jesus Christ.

- Those who place their faith in Jesus receive the Holy Spirit and are "sealed by Him for the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30).

"EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD"

Peter uses Joel's words to communicate to the crowd in Jerusalem that both salvation and God's Spirit are available to all, both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jewish people).

- The gospel of Jesus Christ is not just for people of a certain social, political, or economic status. It is available to everyone who calls on the name of the Lord.

LORD AND MESSIAH (ACTS 2:22–36)

"LISTEN TO THESE WORDS"

Peter used the words of Joel to explain what was happening on the day of Pentecost, but that was just an introduction to the essential message that he would bring.

- Before diving into the depths of God's plan for redemption through Jesus, Peter shared what the crowd already knew about Jesus to find commonality with them.

SEEING OURSELVES AS PART OF THE PROBLEM

Peter did not mince words when it came to speaking the truth to the crowd. He said, "you used lawless people to nail Him to a cross and kill Him," though many may not have been directly involved.

- If we don't see ourselves as part of what led Jesus to the cross, then we can't see the need for the forgiveness that it offers.

"FOR DAVID SAYS OF HIM"

David penned Psalm 16 talking about himself, and OT readers up to this point would have read it that way, but David was prophesying about someone greater than himself—the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

- Using David's words, Peter showed it was impossible for Jesus to remain a victim of the sin and hatred of humanity. He would be victorious over it.

"THE LORD DECLARED TO MY LORD"

Peter then uses Psalm 110, the most quoted Old Testament verse in the New Testament, to reveal to the crowd what David was claiming in His Psalm—the Messiah is divine and is God.

- Peter affirms that what was witnessed on the Day of Pentecost was the work of risen and ascended Jesus, pouring out His Holy Spirit on His Church.

"THEREFORE LET ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL KNOW"

When Peter told the crowd that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (v. 21), he wanted them to "know with certainty" that the name they call on is Jesus. The one they crucified is both Lord and Messiah.

- Jesus was not merely a man. He was God in flesh, and He came to save humanity.

REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED (ACTS 2:37–47)

THEY ASKED PETER HOW THEY SHOULD RESPOND

It pierced the hearts of many to hear how they had treated God in the flesh with such contempt. They asked, "what should we do?"

- Our sin should bring sorrow to us when it is exposed, but it is only when that sorrow moves us to repentance that we can then experience forgiveness.

"HE TESTIFIED AND STRONGLY URGED THEM"

The gift of tongues is not what produced salvation; it simply opened the door for the gospel to be preached.

- The crowds were amazed and astonished, but once the gospel was heard, conviction from the Holy Spirit came, and the crowd responded to the invitation from Peter to "be saved from this corrupt generation."

SALVATION IS WHERE IT ALL BEGINS

Those who accepted Peter's message of salvation through Jesus were baptized, and "about three thousand were added to them."

- Once we receive the gift of salvation, we are baptized as a step of obedience. Then we devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching (Word of God), to fellowship (Church), to the breaking of bread (Life Groups), and to prayer.

"HELD ALL THINGS IN COMMON"

We see reverent hearts towards God and the evidence of God's power in the lives of the first Believers. They sold their possessions and held everything in common.

- This isn't a command for us to sell all our possessions and give everything away, but we are to mimic the heart behind it—Jesus became much more important than their possessions.

"EVERY DAY THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER"

We are meant to worship together and learn God's Word together. God wants us to share our lives with one another, and this passage gives us an example to follow.

- When it comes to church growth, if we will take care to follow the example of the early followers in Acts 2:42–47, God will take care of growing the church Himself.

CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

- Calling on the name of the Lord starts from a place of humility. We realize we cannot save ourselves and stop pridefully working to earn it (James 4:6–8)
- There is nothing we "do" to be saved because salvation is based on us placing our faith in Jesus and what He has already done (Ephesians 2:8–9).

LORD AND MESSIAH

- Some of us will allow Jesus to be the Lord of our lives in the sense that we only look at His Word as a list of do's and don't's.
- Some of us will allow Jesus to be our Messiah in the sense that we look to Him to save us from punishment.
- Do we look to Jesus as our Lord and Messiah?

REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED

- Repentance is not a one-time event but a lifestyle adopted by the unrighteous who want to walk in the grace of God.
- When we fall short, we repent. But God's grace is not a license to keep sinning.
- We are obedient to God because He saved us, and the first step of obedience is to be baptized.