

Are you Spirit led?



Decade of Availability Power To Grow

Missiology:

The study of the Church's mission.

Missional:

Doing the Church's mission.

The first believers were **Spirit-filled, Spirit-led** and **Spirit-directed** for the purpose of witness—fulfilling the Acts 1:8, Matt 28 and Luke 4 mission of every believer and the Church.

A. The Spirit-Filled Message *Acts 2:14-36*

1. The message: *Acts 2:32-36* Peter tells the Jewish crowd that they were responsible for the death of the Messiah. In fact—all who have sinned are responsible for the death of Jesus.

2. Has the message changed? *V. 40* No—but the enemy has changed tactics in order to nullify the message. The '**perverseness**' of OUR time is called 'relativism.'

Relativism: The view that 'truth' is a social construct—and depends on the individual and/or groups to define it.

The challenge: Relativism takes away the need for 'repentance' and 'forgiveness.' Relativism **minimizes** the absoluteness of God—He has no fixed character or standard, no law, no expectations no threats. It also **maximizes** the absoluteness of self! So make yourself the measure of what is good and acceptable—absolute, unconditional self-regard. All that God does is give you a divine endorsement of yourself.

B. The Spirit-Led Response *vv. 37-39; John 6:44*

1. What shall we do? *V. 37* It was the Spirit of God that 'cut to the heart' not Peter's great preaching.

2. Repentance and water baptism overview:

-**John the Baptist** preached that the Kingdom of God was at hand and that people needed to repent and be baptized for the remission of sin. *Lk 3:3-8* Being a child of Abraham and circumcised would no longer count—repentance and faith would be the new benchmark.

-**Jesus and the disciples:** Jesus submitted to baptism as a way to endorse John's message of the Kingdom. Jesus never baptized but the disciples did *John 4:1-2*.

-**Believers baptism:** *Rom 6:3-4* Water baptism is an outward sign of an inward condition. Repentance (faith in Christ) is the prerequisite for water baptism.

-**Infant baptism:** Some feel Moses command that eight-day-old male children be circumcised is support for infants today of believing parents should be baptize. However, infants are NOT capable of repentance or faith and the New Testament does not teach that children inherit salvation from their parents.

C. The Spirit-Directed Mission (*The Missional Call*) *vv. 39-40*

1. The promise and the Spirit: *v. 39* The Pentecost event of the Baptism of the Spirit was the 'inaugurating' fulfillment of the Abrahamic promise to reverse the fall and restore blessing to the ends of the earth—to Jew and Gentile alike.

It is the POWER to bring God's promises to fruition: Pentecost is a 'cross cultural' event throughout the book of Acts. The promise of verse :39 (the gift of the Father *Luke 11:33*) is the **essential** 'inspiration' and power to share the message of the Gospel through speech and deeds.

It was NOT just for the early church: The 'promise' with the benefits of 'prophetic speech' and empowered witness was for ALL who would follow until the return of the Lord.

Acts 2:37-41 (NKJV)

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "**Be saved from this perverse generation**." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV)

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? **4** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.