

# Spirit Poured Out

## Introduction

- Starting a new series,

**Tension: Something people fear or just doesn't understand or people don't recognize the need for it and the positive benefits or life-change that comes from a greater work of the Spirit. as someone who has lived without the Holy Spirit and with the Holy Spirit, it is my desire that all would be filled with the Spirit. Life is indescribably better with the Spirit, But don't take our word for it, take The Word for it. The Spirit is the gift promised by the Father; Jesus told the people he loved most, those tasked with taking the Gospel to the ends of the Earth, to wait on the Spirit, that He would help them, remind them of all he had taught them, and give them the power to do what they could not do on their own. The Holy Spirit is the Person of the Trinity with us on Earth at this point in history.**

- Filled with Spirit, the new wine of the Spirit, not drunk on "new wine" - when Spirit poured out on believers, gifts are manifested, God's signs and wonders are revealed, people are saved and the love of Christ is shown to others

## Acts 2:1

- Why? Because Jesus said wait and pray, and they did what the Lord told them to do!

## Acts 2:2-3

- Fire:
  - John would baptize with water; Jesus with fire
  - Fire can destroy - out-of-control; all consuming
  - But Fire can bring new life (forest fire releases seeds from cones)
    - Fire of God in us can burn away things that are not of God in us and can place a burning, holy desire and fervor in us that was not previously present

## Acts 2:4

- Tongues in this case is speaking a language that is foreign to you
  - Different than the 'angelic tongue' gifted to believers baptized in the Spirit for the purpose of prayer and greater intimacy with the Lord
  - Story of the lady who spoke Russian in tongues without realizing it - Bill Johnson story
  - Robin Parr also shared with me about a trip to Haiti where she spoke Haitian yet she doesn't know Haitian.

## Acts 2:5-11

- Purpose of Pentecost (this part is often overlooked) - to declare the wonders of God SO THAT others may know and believe
  - Wonders of God
    - Saved, Healed, Delivered
    - Old Testament and New Testament
  - That's the purpose of the Church; the Spirit and gifts give aid to that end

## Acts 2:12-13

- **New American Standard Bible:** "But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."
- **Weymouth New Testament:** "But others, scornfully jeering, said, "They are brim-full of sweet wine."
- **King James Bible:** "Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine."
- **Contemporary English Version:** "Others made fun of the Lord's followers and said, "They (are) drunk." (alcoholism is not a laughing matter, however; can be as destructive as fire)
- Appeared "Drunk"
  - Weren't drunk on 'new wine', but were drunk on the Spirit
- **New Wine Scripture - Matthew 9:17**
  - New Wine of the Spirit

- Change
  - When we receive Christ we are made into a new wineskin so that the new wine of the Spirit will not 'burst' the old vessel
- Must be 'different'
- Speaks to any 'change' really that if put into an old 'structure' or way of being, there is the potential for ruin if there are not some allowances made...

### Acts 2:14

- Often overlooked - Peter did not stand up alone; easier to do with others
  - Jackson County scuttle regarding racism - 'stood up' with others
  - May be a time when you are called to stand up alone, though never alone alone as Jesus will be there enabling you to stand...

### Acts 2:15-21

- "Pour out my Spirit"
  - Result= see visions, dream dreams, prophesy
- Spiritual gifts
  - Part of 'drinking the new wine of the Spirit' and the Spirit being poured out
    - Here= visions, dreams, prophesy as quoted in Joel
    - 1 Corinthians 12= 1. Words of Wisdom, 2. Words of Knowledge, 3. Discernment of spirits, 4. Faith, 5. Healing, 6. Miracles, 7. Prophecy (**mentioned here and Paul says it is a gift we should strive/desire for 1 Cor. 14:1**), 8. Tongues & Interpretation
    - Ephesians 4= prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers
    - Romans 12= prophecy, ministry, teacher, exhorter, giver, leader, mercy
    - Prophecy= Prophecy is the human report of a Divine communication
      - Divine Communication
        - Impressions, Images & words (mirror image in Brent's mind), Feelings, Thoughts, Dreams
      - Supernatural
      - Not= not me giving advice, preaching, rebuke (OT vs. NT)
      - Something that we wouldn't have known in the natural
      - Human Report
      - RECEIVE IT; INTERPRET IT (Discern: Who, What, etc); DELIVER IT...
        - Reporting= Telling, Texting, Emailing
  - Purpose of Gifts= Demonstrate the Love of God- Encouraging, edifying (upbuilding), comforting
    - 1 Corinthians 12 and 14 is a discourse on Spiritual Gifts
    - Sandwiched in between is Ch. 13 which is the great 'love' chapter
      - Written as a letter, not chapter and verse
      - Read a weddings, but originally wrote in context of Spiritual gifts
      - All gifts are to be used/manifested in love
- Chris testimony: Revival Rising - the difference the filling of the Spirit made in my life; share it to grow faith and hopefully grow your hunger and desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit

Endgame: None of this is made possible without the grace and goodness of God and the desire and willingness on the part of the Disciples to 'wait and pray' - to wait on the Lord and pray for the coming of the Spirit and the fulfillment of the Promise...

That's our side of the response for today - to wait on the Lord and pray for the coming of the Spirit and the fulfillment of the Promise...