

## Obediently Preaching Christ

Acts 2:14-24

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### I. But Peter. Acts 2:14-15

Even though Peter had denied the LORD Jesus Christ three times and failed in other ways, Peter's personality was bold and forward as he had become an outspoken \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith.

- Peter received courage and boldness once he was filled with, or \_\_\_\_\_ by, the Holy Spirit.

The **third hour of the day** was 9:00 am and it was customary for Jewish people to perform their religious \_\_\_\_\_ before they would have their first meal of the day, let alone drink alcohol.

### II. The prophecy of the Baptism of the Spirit. Acts 2:16-18

"But, more guardedly, 'This is that which was spoken;' that is to say, Joel's words furnish the explanation of this first Pentecost, though this does not \_\_\_\_\_ their fulfillment." (Arthur Pierson)

- In one sense, we are living in the last days because the last days is a term that refers to the time of Messiah, from the ascension of Christ until His \_\_\_\_\_ return at His physical second coming.

With the New Covenant in Christ, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit happens for \_\_\_\_\_ who call upon the name of the LORD.

### III. The Tribulation period. Acts 2:19-21

Most Old Testament prophecies have \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillments; a partial fulfillment, that happens soon after the prophecy was given, and a full fulfillment, that happens sometime in the future.

- The complete fulfillment of Joel's prophecy pertains to the End Times and the nation of Israel, when the LORD will \_\_\_\_\_ to them a position of divine favor and blessing, as His firstborn.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is not Israel, and Israel is not the Church.

### IV. Jesus took the pains of death.

"We want to present Him to people in the most compelling way we can so that they come to love, praise, trust, and desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Him better." (Murray Capill)

- Notice Peter said Jesus was **a Man attested (\_\_\_\_\_)** by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst".

## Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 2:14-15**. Discuss the difference within Peter before the filling from the Holy Spirit compared to when he gave this sermon.  
**Matthew 26:69-75, Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:16, Romans 1:16**
2. Read **Acts 2:16-18**. Discuss the partial fulfillment of Joel's prophecy as discussed within the sermon. *With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who is invited to "call on the name of the LORD"? What did Paul tell Timothy about the "last days" in 2 Timothy?*  
**Romans 10:9-13, John 12:32, 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**
3. Read **Acts 2:19-21**. *What is an Old Testament name for the seven-year Tribulation period of the End Times? When the complete fulfillment of Joel's prophecy takes place, according to the Sunday notes, what will be the result for the nation of Israel?*  
**Joel 2:27-32, Jeremiah 30:7, Revelation 7:14, Daniel 9:27**
4. Discuss the six points of the conclusion of the sermon.
  - Be led by the Holy Spirit and don't rely on yourself.
  - We need to be prayed up and ready to give an answer for the hope that lives with you with gentleness and respect.
  - We should have a basic knowledge of the Bible and the Gospel message, i.e., know the Romans Road or some other way of communicating God's plan of redemption.
  - Learn to have good listening skills, both hearing the LORD as well as the person you are sharing with.
  - Share your testimony. Share what the LORD has done in your life. Answering, "How is it working for you."
  - We should have a desire to see the lost become saved.