

The Day Of Pentecost Acts 2:1-47

Introduction:

- A. Pentecost was an annual Jewish feast.
 - 1. O.T. names: "Feast of Harvest", "Feast of First-Fruits", "Feast of Weeks".
 - 2. N.T. name: "Pentecost" meaning 50th - 50 days after Passover.
- B. This Pentecost special to Christians
 - 1. Marked beginning of Christian age - church established.
 - 2. Characterized by 3 great events.
 - a. The Holy Spirit was poured out.
 - b. The gospel began to be preached.
 - c. Souls began to be saved by gospel of Christ-- added to church.

I. The *Spirit That Was Poured Out*.

- A. Spirit had been prophesied and promised.
 - 1. By Joel. (vv. 17-21).
 - 2. By John the Baptist. (Matt. 3:11).
 - 3. By Jesus. (John 14-16; Acts 1:4,5).
- B. Spirit began to be poured out.
 - 1. H.S. baptism on *apostles*, giving miraculous power. (v. 1, 7, 43; 1:14).
 - 2. N.T. prophets, later, giving power. (v. 17, cf. 1 Cor. 12:28-31).
 - 3. Others without miraculous power. (Acts 5:32; cf. J. Baptist - Jno. 10:41).
- C. Kingdom came with power. (Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8).
 - 1. In the last days. (Isa. 2:1-5).
 - 2. Kingdom - church now exist. (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47).
 - a. Before this day was in future.
 - b. After this day was present.

II. The *Sermon That Was Preached*.

- A. Identifies Jesus as responsible for "things seen and heard" (vv. 14-22,33).
- B. Preached death, burial and resurrection of Jesus - basic facts of gospel. (cf. 1 Cor. 15:1-4)
 - 1. Death.
 - a. Crucified by lawless hands. (vv. 23, 36).
 - b. By "determined counsel and foreknowledge of God." (v. 23).
 - 2. Resurrection.
 - a. Raised by God. (v. 24).
 - b. Fulfilled David's prophecy. (vv. 25-36).
 - c. Raised to sit on David's throne. (vv. 30-31).
 - (1) At "right hand of God". (vv. 33-35).
 - (2) Made "Lord and Christ" (v. 36).
 - (3) Made head of Church. (Eph. 1:18 ff).
- C. Charged Jews with death. (v. 23, 36).
 - 1. Realized guilt. (v. 37).
 - 2. Told about forgiveness. (v. 38).

III. The *Salvation That Was Received*.

- A. It was for "every one" (v. 38).
- B. It required human response. (vv. 38-41).
- C. It involved several blessings.
 - 1. Remission of sins.
 - 2. Gift of H.S.
 - 3. Added to church. (v. 41, 47; cf. 1 Cor. 12:13).
- D. It began new life of devotion, worship, godliness. (vv. 42-46).

Conclusion:

- A. Do you believe what Peter preached?
- B. Are you willing to do what they did?