

Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

Acts 2:1-13 *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

***The work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's truth**

=>Painting: The Miracle at Pentecost by Torger G. Thompson

I. The Arrival (2:1-3)

- A. Pentecost
 - 1. 50; days after Passover
 - 2. Offering of first fruit; 2 loaves of leaven bread (Passover = unleaven)
 - 3. Day Moses gave the law
- B. Rushing Wind
 - 1. "Spirit"; "breath"; or "wind"
 - 2. Loud
 - 3. Others heard it (2:6)
- C. Tongues of Fire
 - 1. God often displayed by fire
 - a. A fire and torch with Abraham
 - b. Burning bush with Moses
 - c. Cloud by day and pillar of fire by night for Israelites
 - d. Lighting the fire for Elijah's offering
 - 2. Fire represents the idea of purification
 - 3. Sat (rested) on each one shows individualism
- D. At Passover God gave a sacrifice to remove our sin. At Pentecost God made a provision that would sustain us in our lives.

II. The Evidence (2:4-8)

- A. Spoke in "tongues"
 - 1. "languages"
 - 2. Heard in his own language
 - 3. Utterances: Speak out; inspired to declare boldly
- B. Devout Jews from every nation
 - 1. The diaspora
 - 2. Came to Jerusalem for major holidays and worship
 - 3. Longing for the Messiah
- C. Used simple Galileans
 - 1. Known for poor education and culture

2. =>"hillbillies" from the mountains
- D. God uses faithful people rather than talented people. It doesn't start with our skills and talents; it starts with our faithfulness to God. Talents not equal to faith; faith over talents.

III. The Work (2:9-13)

- A. Heard in their own languages
 1. From every direction
 2. =>Map of Acts 2 world
- B. The mighty works of God
- C. The work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's truth
- D. Others mocked (not everyone will believe and accept)

IV. Live It Out

- A. You received the Holy Spirit at your salvation. Do you follow Him or deny Him in your life?
- B. What ways has God gifted you to proclaim the mighty works of God? What is your ministry?
- C. =>Adrian Rogers: Man had his first car and didn't know how to use it. (Car)

V. The work of the Holy Spirit is to reveal God's truth