

I. THE PEOPLE PREPARED

- A. They had received their instructions and were FOLLOWING them ACTS 1:12-14
 - 1. A church can do nothing without following the instructions
 - 2. A church cannot follow the instructions without unity
 - 3. A church cannot have unity without prayer
 - 4. A church cannot have prayer without humbleness in individual members
 - 5. Chapter 2 only happens after Chapter 1
- B. They were waiting as a church
 - 1. Not a proto-church, not an “embryonic” church, not a pre-church
 - 2. They all had had church baptism from John / not re-baptized later
 - 3. ACTS 1:5 – “For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.”
 - a. He used the word “but” to show comparison between two things
 - b. EPH. 4:5 – “One Lord, one faith, one baptism,”
 - c. Deep thought: Two things are not one thing
- C. They received the Great Commission ACTS 1:8
 - 1. But had no power to even begin!
 - a. That’s like selling cars before gasoline has been invented
 - b. Teaching algebra without the number zero
 - c. Biscuits without gravy
 - 2. It reminds me of 1 COR. 15:19 – “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.”
 - 3. Can you imagine trying to win the lost without the Holy Ghost?
 - a. Without Him to woo the unsaved, convict the heart of the sinner?
 - b. Without Him to provide you the burden you need to witness?
 - c. Without Him to quicken the spirit dead in trespasses and sins?
- D. They were a People Prepared!
 - 1. For the Day of Pentecost
 - 2. When the Comforter was Provided, and the Church Empowered
 - 3. And when the Gospel was Preached!

II. THE DAY PENTECOST

- A. The word means “fiftieth”
 - 1. And simply refers to the traditional Jewish feast celebrated annually
 - a. 50 days after Passover (and hence the Cross)
 - b. Since Jesus IS our Passover Lamb

- c. REV. 13:8 – “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
 - 2. He was active in the Passover
 - a. He took Passover in the upper room with His disciples
 - b. He went forth as a Lamb to the Sacrifice
 - c. He was crucified and died, all according to the Scriptures
 - d. He was buried in a borrowed tomb
 - e. He rose again the THIRD DAY, all according to the Scriptures
 - 3. And this day was 47 days after Resurrection Sunday
- B. They were waiting
 - 1. FIFTY DAYS!
 - a. We barely can wait 50 minutes today in our culture
 - b. If it takes longer than 2 minutes to microwave a frozen corndog...
 - c. What would we do without our phones in our hands?
 - d. Turn on your screentime and see!
 - 2. ISA. 40:31 – “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”
 - a. Boy, that wings of eagles stuff sure sounds good
 - b. But I want it now!
 - c. Sorry, that’s not the requirement laid out in the verse!
 - 3. PSA. 46:10 – “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.”
 - a. I sure want God to be exalted in the Earth...
 - b. Let me do everything I can to make sure that happens!
 - c. Sorry, but that’s not the prec-e-dent stated by the verse!
- C. They were a called-out body of baptized believers assembled in ONE PLACE
 - 1. And were in ONE ACCORD, waiting patiently for the Comforter to come
 - 2. Let’s wait upon the Lord
 - 3. But when He moves, let’s GO WITH HIM!

III. THE COMFORTER PROVIDED

- A. Baptism WITH the Holy Ghost, not “by” the Holy Ghost
 - 1. The Holy Ghost does not do the baptizing, He is the medium
 - a. Just like water did not baptize, but John the Baptist did!
 - b. Jesus said He would baptize them
 - c. And that they would be fully immersed!
 - d. But this is NOT church baptism
 - 2. The word itself:
 - a. “bap-tid'-zo”

- b. From a derivative of bap-tō (to dip); to make whelmed (that is, fully wet); used only in the New Testament, especially of the ordinance of Christian baptism: - baptist, baptize, wash.
 - c. Turn to LUKE 11:38 – Same word for washed (or Mark 7:4)
 - d. But that washing would not make their hands church members!
 - 3. Jesus is telling us that we would be FULLY washed by the Holy Spirit
 - a. He is NOT creating a second type of church (universal)
 - i. After all, 1 COR. 12:13 says we are baptized into ONE body
 - ii. Not two!
 - b. Remember the picture Baptism makes
 - i. Death, burial, and resurrection
 - ii. The water is the picture of the grave
 - iii. Should the Holy Spirit symbolize death and the grave?
- B. He is telling us that our lives will be CHANGED
 - 1. That our spirits will be MADE ALIVE
 - 2. This is a fulfillment of JOEL 2:28-29 – “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: (29) And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.”
 - 3. There will be no part of us NOT touched by the indwelling Holy Spirit
- C. That Church (the only one at the time) was fully IMMERSED (v. 2)
 - 1. It filled the house, and they sat in the house (overwhelmed)
 - a. The WIND, the picture of the Holy Ghost
 - b. JOHN 3:8 – “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”
 - 2. THEN the fire sat upon them
 - 3. And this follows the prophecy of John the Baptist
 - a. MATT. 3:11 – “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:”
 - b. And also, in Luke 3:16 (same statement, Holy Ghost AND fire)
 - c. Many “drawings” of this are “drawing” the wrong conclusion!
 - 4. Two things happened, and then two things happened
 - a. They were immersed in the Holy Spirit and the fire sat on each
 - b. They were filled with the Spirit (#1 – vs. 4a)
 - c. They spoke with other tongues (#2 – vs. 4b)
 - d. Seems like the “fire” was related to the speaking
 - i. Similar to Isaiah (man of unclean lips)
 - ii. Who was purged with a live coal taken from the altar

IV. THE CHURCH EMPOWERED

- A. They spoke with “other tongues”
 - 1. These were KNOWN languages not demonic gibberish
 - 2. ACTS 2:6 - 11 show us this – they were UNDERSTOOD by the lost
 - 3. There was ONE purpose to it, to show forth the GOSPEL
- B. What an incredible platform and opportunity
 - 1. 16 nations listed, but each heard the gospel in their own language
 - 2. What did they hear? The wonderful works of God (vs. 11)
 - 3. And they were all amazed!
 - 4. Even though they were unsure of its meaning (vs. 12)
- C. Some believed, but some mocked (New Wine)
 - 1. New wine is first press grape juice (not ordinarily alcoholic)
 - a. It was taken and sealed in pitched jars and buried
 - b. It could keep without fermentation for upwards of a year
 - c. The men of the day would take it with breakfast (like OJ)
 - 2. But sometimes it would spoil and become fermented
 - a. And the unwary or unintelligent would drink it anyway
 - b. Sometimes it was an excuse to get drunk early in the day
 - c. “Oh my, the new wine must have gone bad...”
 - d. Much like saying they were “full of baloney”
 - 3. That’s the insult here, it was still early in the day

V. THE GOSPEL PREACHED

- A. Peter used their insult and turned it into an opening to preach the Gospel
 - 1. ROM. 8:28 – “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose”
 - 2. They intended an insult, but God turned it around on them
 - 3. Just like Joseph said to his brothers, God intended it for good.
- B. Peter preached from the Old Testament (he knew his audience)
 - 1. This was prophesied in Joel chapter 2 (referenced earlier)
 - 2. He speaks to them of David and the Psalms
 - 3. Then he preached the Death, Burial, and Resurrection!
 - 4. And the listeners were convicted!
- C. His Holy Spirit is working the same way even this morning
 - 1. The Gospel is true, Salvation is Real, my dear friend
 - 2. Sin is the problem, Hell is the penalty, but Jesus is the payment
 - 3. Be Saved today!