

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERMON! Pt. 1

(Acts 2:12-21)

I. THE ADVENT OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

A. The Holy Spirit Comes on the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11)

B. A Biblical Perspective on the Gift of Tongues from 1 Corinthians 12-14

C. Peter Explains What Just Happened on Pentecost (Acts 2:12-21)

1. After the unsaved Jews heard the apostles and other saved Galileans speak fluently in multiple languages from around the world, the reaction was one of _____ and _____. (v. 12)
2. There were also unsaved Jews present who _____ these miraculous events and rejected them as being from God, and they accused the apostles of being _____. (v. 13, 15)

* When Luke wrote (in v. 14), "*Peter standing up with the eleven*", did this include Mathias?
3. When Peter preached, he did so in Aramaic or Hebrew and *not* in tongues; the message was given by a _____, to _____, on a _____ Feast Day, "*Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem.*". (v. 14a)

* Why is it so amazing that it was Peter who preached on this day?
4. It was Peter's passion that his audience would not just _____ his message, but he also wanted them to _____ it, i.e., make personal _____. (v. 14b)
5. The apostle _____ the accusations that those who spoke in tongues (including himself) were intoxicated with sweet _____ this _____ in the morning. (v. 15)

6. The assembled crowd provided Peter with his opportunity to explain the significance of what was happening, *“this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel...”* (v. 16)
- Peter did _____ state that Joel’s prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost, but that it was _____, in that there was a _____ of God’s Spirit. (John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
 - Peter quoted Joel’s prediction as an _____ of what was taking place in his day, and as a _____ that God would yet _____ fulfill all that Joel had prophesied.
7. *“Last days”* in the context of Joel 2:28-32 refers to the days right before the Messiah will set up His earthly kingdom. (vv. 17-20)
- Only believers will be ushered into the Millennial Kingdom, *“I will pour out My Spirit on _____.”* (v. 17a, cf. Matt. 24:29-25:46)
 - Believers will prophesy, see _____, and have revelatory _____. (vv. 17-18)
 - The preliminary signs of this coming kingdom are evident during the Tribulational period, *“_____ in heaven above and _____ in the earth beneath...”* (v. 19a)
 - Further signs in those *“last days”* consist of *“_____ and _____ and vapor of _____”*. (v. 19b)
 - Joel specifically informs us what will take place before the Day of the Lord, *“the sun will be turned into _____, and the moon into _____.”* (v. 20)
8. Naturally Peter’s audience would not want to experience what Joel predicted, and so he _____ them _____ through Jesus Christ. (v. 21)

* What have you personally learned from this passage?