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Sermon Series: ACTS

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**“Drunk by 9:00 A.M.?”**

**Acts 2:13-21, NLT**

**Introduction**: Embedded within today’s text is the introduction to **Peter’s first sermon** immediately after Pentecost. Technically, it is an *apologia* (defense) of the phenomenon known as the **coming of the Holy Spirit**. What is remarkable is that Joel, a prophet of the Old Testament, prophesied this occurrence during his prophetic ministry to Judah (835 to 796 B.C.).

Let us take a moment and **follow the flow** of this text:

1. **Some in the Crowd (v. 13).**

People **respond** in varying ways to what they had witnessed.

Ridiculed, “Saying, ‘**They’re just drunk**, that’s all!’”

1. **Significance of What Had Happened Explained (v. 14-16).**

**Peter steps forward** and shouts to the crowd:

A different Peter. A transformed Peter. A Spirit-filled Peter.

An emboldened Peter. A restored Peter. This is Peter 2.0

**Make no mistake** about THIS. These people are **not drunk**.

You assume incorrectly. One obvious argument: “Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that” (v. 15). An **absurd** conclusion.

NO! THIS A **FULFILLMENT** OF PROPHECY (Joel 2:28-32).

1. **Sermon Begins from Peter (v. 17-21).**

**Text**: Joel 2:28-32 [written to Israel in context] (Peter applies this text to the infant church!)

1. The Lord’s Day will be accompanied by an **outpouring** of His Spirit.
2. In the Spirit, people will exercise **divine** gifts (v. 17).
3. **Not limited** by gender, age, or social class.
4. This **outpouring of the Spirit** will signal the advent of divine blessing (v. 18).
5. **Unique natural phenomena** will accompany the Day of the Lord before that day the Lord gloriously returns (v. 19-20).
6. Glorious **invitation**… “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Key Takeaways:**

1. **Has the Spirit** of God left the church today?!? Absolutely not! May it never be. Salvation is the work of the Spirit. Regeneration is the ministry of the Spirit. Distribution of the gifts is the responsibility of the Spirit. Comfort is the ministry of the Spirit. Understanding and obeying the Scripture is a ministry of the Holy Spirit.
2. **The church** cannot accomplish her mission without the person and work of the Holy Spirit.
3. May the Lord be pleased once again to **move across His church** in a fresh, powerful way!