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Introduction: Today we are in part 4 of our sermon series on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- In the book of Numbers 11 we see an overwhelmed and burned out leader who is trying to do everything on his own. Moses has the Spirit of God resting on him for the unique calling of leading the people of Israel.
- The God spreads the love among 70 leaders to help Moses. God tells Moses that *I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it all alone....(11:17)*
- As a result, some of these new leaders begin to prophesy and proclaim the Word of God!
- Then Joshua gets jealous. BUT MOSES SAYS in verse 29...
- *I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit upon them all!" –Moses, Numbers 11:29*

EZEKIEL 11:19; EZEKIEL 36:26; JEREMIAH 31:33; **All point to a day when God would pour out his spirit on his people...**

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,
EZEKIEL 11:19

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EZEKIEL 36:26

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
JEREMIAH 31:33

These verses point not only to a time in which this would happen, but that it has been God's plan from the beginning have a people filled with and empowered by His Holy Spirit.

Even Paul (1 Cor. 14) references the Prophet Isaiah (28:11) when he said...

For with stammering lips and another tongue God will speak to this people, To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"

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Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. *No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:*

‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’

Five Part Series REVIEW

Intro: Introduction to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Week 2: What actually happened on the Day of Pentecost?

Last Time: Why did it happen in that particular way? Why tongues and languages?

TODAY: Connecting the Old Testament with the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

WEEK 5: Is the gift of tongues for us today? If so, is it for me and how can I receive?

Introduction: The goal of today's message is to firmly establish the Biblical teaching that God always had a plan to deposit within his people "A New Spirit" (His Own). It was foretold in the Old Testament, it was foreshadowed/experienced (in smaller measure) in the Old Testament (Moses, Saul, David, The Prophets, Priests, Kings, Workers/Craftsmen, Feasts/Celebrations).

*These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.
(Col. 2:17)*

And now we will return to Peter's sermon. He too connects what they were experiencing to an Old Testament Prophecy from the book of Joel. From that prophecy I would like to show you what can happen to the life of a person filled with the Spirit of God.

There are 6 major lessons that we can learn from Peter's message and more specifically the Prophecy of Joel that Peter references.

'In the last days,'

- The Day of Pentecost was Day 1 of the Last Days (1 Cor. 10:11, 2 Tim. 3:1, Heb. 1:2, James 5:3, 2 Peter 3:3)
- The fact that this outpouring has taken place is a wakeup call that God is wrapping things up down here, and that the former things are about to pass away and that he is about to make all things new.
- **Peter's sermon tells us that we are living in the last days.**

God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

- Whose spirit is it? God's Spirit
- How many people have access to the Spirit? **All People** (men and women)
- **Peter's sermon tells us that we all have access to the gift of the Spirit.**

Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

- There is resurrection power in the Holy Spirit.
- The power to resurrect a young person's life and give them a fresh vision!
- The power to resurrect an older person's life and show them that God is not done!
- **Peter's sermon tells us that God has purpose for us.**

In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

- God is no respecter of persons and not prejudice.
- He shows no favoritism. (Man/Women, Slave/Free)
- They will proclaim God's word!
- **Peter's sermon tells us that God is looking for the available person.**

And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.

- This is apocalyptic language which means that it is meant to indicate the end of the way of things on Earth as we know it to make way for the New Earth and New Heaven.
- Signs and Wonders *point* to God’s Power, Sovereignty, and his Trustworthiness.
- When this prophesy was written certain events were in the future (The Bethlehem Star, Heaven’s Hosts Proclaiming Jesus is born to Shepherds, The events of Matthew 27 Solar Eclipse, Earthquake, Rocks split, dead saints of the past rise from the dead and walk out of the graves)
- And similarly like those events were in the future for Joel (and in the past for us) there are still more signs/wonders yet to come (**Mt. 24:29** "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.")
- These events in history are meant to remind us that God is in control, that he is King, that he is Lord of all Creation, and he is meant to be Feared.
- Ask yourself, “Is it really a good idea to live with a haughty/prideful spirit in the face of such awesome power (God)?”
- **Peter’s sermon tells us that God is Sovereign over creation.**

Conclusion: Peter concluded the quotation from Joel 2 with this...

But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.

- God’s plan from the beginning was to have a harvest of souls from every corner of the Earth.
- It has been proclaimed through the ages (OT and NT)
- Jesus came to Fulfill it all, he did, and now he calls your name...come to Jesus.
- His Holy Spirit is offered to you to give you vision, hope, dreams, and empowerment.
- **Peter’s sermon tells us that God’s grace will extend to anyone.**