

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church  
 Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study  
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 12:00 Noon

Lesson #24      The Working Power of the Holy Spirit

**Scripture:**      Acts 2:1 – 41

**Emphasis:**      Acts 2:37 – 38

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”

**Subject:**      Repent and be Baptized

**Introduction:** We shall learn together the importance of the Powerful Workings of the Holy Spirit and how through this Power the Apostles and Christ’s Disciples helped to Change the whole World by Witnessing, Spreading the Gospel of the Life, the Death, the Burial and the Resurrection of Christ Jesus of Nazareth. These Disciples who received the Holy Ghost gained Confidence and became Bold Witness of Christ Jesus. This Holy Spirit Indwelled in the Apostles and the Disciples will eventually not only give them Boldness, but also the ability to do Signs and Wonders for the further spread of the Gospel. The Gospel is very clear, Jesus Died, was Buried, and has Risen from the Dead and is Seated on the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven.

Our Lesson today has Facts, Realities, and Truths

**Background:** In this Sixth Lesson of the Book of Acts, we will begin our study in the Book of Acts of the Apostles in Chapter 2. On the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem the Jews were assembled from all Nationalities, and witnessed the Works of the Holy Spirit and then heard the Gospel Preached of Christ Jesus who was Crucified, Buried and God Raised from the Dead.

## Lesson Topic #1 Acts 1:1 – 8

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?”

- The Day of Pentecost

- Fact #1 Jesus Has Shown Himself to Us
  - The Evidence of Jesus Resurrection was crucial for His followers
  - Jesus Appeared to His Disciples for Forty Days after being Raised
  - Jesus Ascended into Heaven ten Days before the Day of Pentecost
- Fact #2 The Gathering of the Jews in Jerusalem
  - The Timing of Jesus’ crucifixion, burial and ascension was not a coincident, God’s Plan is always overruling man’s evil plan
  - The gathering of the Jews from the uttermost parts of the World was perfect way for the Gospel to be taken to all the nations
- Fact #3 Jews Heard the Gospel in their Native Languages
  - The Holy Spirit poured out His Spirit among the Disciples
  - Every heard the Gospel without the use of an Interpreter

## Lesson Topic #2 Acts 2:13 – 21

“Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- Witness of the Work of the Holy Spirit
  - Realities #1 You and I can't Explain how the Holy Spirit Works
    - Men will always try to explain what they do not know or understand
    - Most people tend to rely solely on their own understandings
    - The Work of the Holy Spirit is not always Logical, and this is a Stumbling Block for some to come in Believing
  - Realities #2 Evidence of the Holy Spirit
    - The residents of Galilee were not known for being well Educated
    - There was no record of Jesus' Apostles and followers of having the time or the knowledge to Learn several different Languages
    - There was no Doubt that People heard the Gospel in their own Language, and they understood what was being said
    - None of us has had an opportunity to drink much wine, especially this many people who would have to get drunk at the same time
  - Realities #3 The Holy Spirit Points to the Word
    - What was happening on the Day of Pentecost was already spoken of in the Book of Joel
    - You do not have to memorize Scripture, you should know it, but the Holy Spirit will bring remembrance of it at the right time
    - You will have more success in your witnessing to people, when you remind them of what they already know
    - You will Witness in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the World
  - Realities #4 Whosoever Shall Call on the Lord
    - The Holy Scriptures is very clear, and you will find it in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament that if call on the Name of the Lord you shall be Saved
    - Scripture is very clear that "How will they Hear unless there is one who has been Sent to Tell"
    - The Holy Spirit will Call (you) and will Send (you)
    - The Holy Spirit will also allow them to Hear it where they can understand it (in their own language)

Lesson Topic #3 Acts 2:35 – 41

"Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what

shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

- Jesus is both Christ and Lord
  - Truths #1 The Holy Spirit and Prophecy
    - There is no Prophecy without the Holy Spirit
    - There is no Prophecy without the Lord’s Plan
    - Prophecy is the Lord’s leading man to Redemption and Salvation
  - Truths #2 Peter Preaches the Word
    - There is no Preaching of the Word without the Holy Spirit
    - The Scripture is not just a mere collection of writings by some random men who thought themselves to be clever, but a collection of the Lord’s written Plan for man’s Reunification with the Lord
  - Truths #3 The Preached Word Pricks their Hearts
    - Based on the Evidence of the Holy Spirit
    - Based on the Remembrance of God’s Word through the Prophets
    - Based on the Request to “Save Yourselves from this Untoward Generation”
    - Based on the Call and Tug on their Hearts
    - The People asked the Disciples, “What Must I Do To Be Saved”
    - The Only Answer given is to “Repent and be Baptized”

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.” (Acts 2:41)

Conclusion:       And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God’s **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

Acknowledgements