

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Acts 2:36-42.**
- B. There are many "great days" in the Bible, of which Pentecost is one of them.
- C. Acts, chapter 2 has been called by J.D. Bales, the "hub of the Bible." This is due to:
  - 1. Much of the OT prophecy leads up to this day.
  - 2. The church was born on this day.
  - 3. We still can look back by faith to this day to see how to live in the church.
- D. Four great things took place on this day of Pentecost:
  - 1. Great prophecy was fulfilled.
  - 2. Great miracles took place.
  - 3. Great preaching was heard.
  - 4. A great command was given.

### I. GREAT PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED (in Ac. 2:1-47).

- A. The OT prophecy quoted by Peter was mainly two-fold:
  - 1. Prophecy about the "pouring out" of the HS.
  - 2. Prophecy about JC.
- B. Peter's quoting of scripture is in answer to the question in 2:12; "What does this mean?" "The Last Days" has great significance. It is the "Xian Age."
- C. God did not put his Spirit into all Israelites in the OT. But God does put His Spirit into all Xians today, giving us the greater blessing.
- D. The sun was darkened and the moon turned into blood is a figurative reference that judgment is coming. The locust flying in the sky during the day and flying in the sky during the night caused this great phenomenon. See the book of Joel.
- E. Peter is saying that the apostles are not drunk, because:
  - 1. It is only 9:00am (the 3rd hour).
  - 2. This tongue speaking is a fulfillment of prophecy.
- F. Peter and other apostles announce great blessings for all people.

### II. GREAT MIRACLES TOOK PLACE (in Ac. 2:1-47).

- A. The great happening of the baptism of the HS on the apostles is one such "miracle." This caused the apostles to do new things and drastically change their concept of X's kingdom.
- B. Because the apostles were baptized into the HS they could:
  - 1. Speak in languages they had never studied.
  - 2. Do great miracles of healing (2:43).  
*And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.*
  - 3. Be unerring in the preaching and writing of the Word.
- C. The giving of the HS drastically changed the apostles' thinking and their concept of the kingdom. They went from looking for a physical one, to preaching a spiritual one.
  - 1. Notice the "nationalistic spirit" of the apostles (Mt. 11:12; Jn. 6:14; Ac. 1:6).  
*(Mt 11:12) "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force."  
(Jn 6:14) When therefore the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the Prophet who is to come into the world."  
(Ac 1:6) And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"*
  - 2. There was a change in the apostles at Pentecost (Ac. 2:32, 36).  
*"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses." 36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ-- this Jesus whom you crucified."*

### III. GREAT PREACHING WAS HEARD (in Acts 2:1-47).

- A. Peter spoke the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and how He has been exalted by God as a spiritual king on "David's throne."
- B. Peter spoke of how Jesus was the fulfillment of prophecy in the OT. Acts 2:25-28 show how David spoke of Jesus sitting on his throne in heaven.  
"For David says of Him, I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.  
'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN HOPE;  
BECAUSE THOU WILT NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW THY HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.  
'THOU HAST MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; THOU WILT MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH THY PRESENCE.'
- C. Peter spoke of how Jesus' death, burial, resurrection was pre-planned by God to save all mankind.
- D. Peter spoke of the great miracles Jesus did in the presence of many witnesses proving Himself to be the Son of God. After the 3,000 were baptized the text tells us that the new converts were devoted to the apostles' teaching. Preaching was important!

### IV. A GREAT COMMAND WAS GIVEN (in Acts 2:1-47).

- A. The book of Hebrews tells us that the blood of goats and bulls can never take away sin, but we have a more perfect sacrifice in JC (Heb. 9:12; 10:11-12).  
(Heb 9:12) and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.  
(Heb 10:11-12) And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,
- B. Peter tells the people (for the first time!) they can have forgiveness of sins!
- C. This is a great command because the people realized, by the preaching of Peter, that Jesus was God's Son, our Lord and X and that the sins of the people put Him on the cross. They asked, "What shall we do?"
- D. Peter replied that which must be done to erase the sins and the guilt of sin that was upon the people, was to "repent and be baptized" (Ac. 2:38).  
And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- E. We have record that 3,000 obeyed the command given by Peter.

### CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The day of Pentecost, as recorded in Ac. 2:1-47, needs to be studied and studied to understand its great significance in God's plan of the redemption of man.
- B. We have seen that on the day of Pentecost:
  - 1. Great OT prophecy was fulfilled (Joel 2:28-32 as seen in Ac. 2:17-21).
  - 2. Great miracles took place.
  - 3. Great preaching was heard.
  - 4. A great command was given.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.