**To The Ends of the Earth**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts**

**“The Gift of the Holy Spirit”**

**Acts 2: 1 – 13**

**Nothing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does is by chance or accident. It’s all in His providence, sovereignty, and exactly as He wanted it to be.**

**The word Pentecost means in the Greek language \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, marking the fiftieth day since the Passover.**

**Here in Acts 2 Luke uses the natural (wind and fire) to describe for us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit was coming to indwell the people of God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**No longer is God in His holiness rightly separated from sinful man and woman. By the work of Jesus on the cross to deal finally and decisively with sin, the very presence of God (Holy Spirit) can now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inside those who are His by faith and repentance.**

**The word translated “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” there in verse 4 is the word *γλῶσσα*. It is the Greek word for languages (as is in the various known languages / dialects of the world).**

**The believers here are not – as the Spirit gives them utterance – speaking unintelligible, unknown words but rather *known* and *existing* languages in clear and certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The believers - now filled with the Holy Spirit - are speaking the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heart languages of all those who have come to Jerusalem for Pentecost.**

**The gospel of Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mission and not tied to one location but indeed meant to go out and further out in order to reach all those who are far off from Christ.**

**As we read Acts, we need to understand that its contents are at times \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (telling us what to do) and other times \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (telling us how God chose to act).**

**Our text this morning is descriptive: showing us the ways God chose to work in this certain instance in His wisdom. We should not expect all the things seen here in these verses to be normative, regular, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occurrences for our experience of the Holy Spirit today.**

**The most significant thing that happened at Pentecost was that it was not a fleeting moment in time. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***How does the Holy Spirit come to us now?***

**The Holy Spirit takes the work of Jesus and applies it to us. This includes (among many things) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us of our sin and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to repentance (Titus 3:5; John 3: 5-8; John 16:8).**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the act of God by which a spiritually dead person becomes spiritually alive.**

**The work of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is to call out to us – who are spiritually dead - convict us, and draw us to Christ in repentance (Ephesians 2:1-5).**

**The Holy Spirit comes to us now by His work of regeneration: convicting us of sin and drawing us to faith in the Father when the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is shared with us.**

***When do believers receive it?***

**No longer must we gather and wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit to come, as the believers did here in Acts two. For believers now, the Holy Spirit is received into our heart – at the point of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, upon repentance of sin and belief in Jesus (Ephesians 1: 13 -14; Acts 2:38).**

***What does it look like when we have it?***

**The Holy Spirit indwells the people of God so that they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to obey God’s commands when previously we could not (Ezekiel 36:27).**

**Those who have Christ, have His Spirit, and his Spirit changes us more and more into His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthains 5:17).**

**The coming of the Spirit of God to indwell His people enables us to move out of this room and go be Jesus’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8).**

**God the Spirit’s residence in believers is not just for ourselves – but for others and namely for God - to spread His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, fame, and gospel.**

Blanks: God; fiftieth; supernatural; individually; dwell; tongues; fluidity; local; global; prescriptive & descriptive; necessary; stayed; convicting & drawing; Regeneration; Spirit; gospel; salvation; enabled; image; witnesses; name

Congregational Scripture Reading: Exodus 19: 10-12; 16 – 20

The Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death.

On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain.Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.