

**Acts Part 3 – The Outpouring**  
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**Acts 2:1-36**

- **Today is Pentecost Sunday. This is part 3 of the Acts series.**
- **Acts 2 speaks about the empowerment of the church. It might be considered the first revival. Saints were empowered. Sinners were convicted. God was glorified.**
- **God wants to experience this kind of revival today!**

**What can we learn from the Acts 2 outpouring that will prepare us for today's outpouring.**

**There are three truths God wants us to know about the outpouring of His Spirit.**

**I. God wants us to prepare for an outpouring.**

- a. The 120 prepared for the outpouring.
- b. They were saved. [Jhn 20:22 NASB95] 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- c. They prayed. [Act 1:12-14 NASB95] 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered [the city,] they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James [the son] of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas [the] [son] of James. 14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with [the] women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
- d. They stayed. [Act 2:1 NASB95] 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- e. How bad do we want this experience? Bad enough to prepare for it?

**II. God wants us to experience the outpouring.**

- a. The outpouring was experienced with their senses.
- b. [Act 2:2-4 NASB95] 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- c. Sound – noise like wind
- d. Appearance – tongues of fire
- e. Action of the Holy Spirit
  - i. All filled v 4
  - ii. All spoke v4
  - iii. Others heard
    1. [Act 2:6, 8, 11 NASB95] 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ... 8 "And how is it that we each hear [them] in our own language to which we were born? ... 11 Cretans and Arabs we hear them in our [own] tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."
    2. [1Co 14:2 NASB95] 2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in [his] spirit he speaks mysteries.
- f. Not just sensory, but also significant.
- g. Are we seeking for and practicing this experience? Is it worth our time?

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### III. God wants us to understand the outpouring.

- a. Peter defended the outpouring.
  - b. Not drunk
    - i. [Act 2:15 NASB95] 15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is [only] the third hour of the day;
    - ii. [Act 2:13 NASB95] 13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."
  - c. Prophetic v16-21
    - i. Last days v17 [Act 2:17 NASB95] 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;
    - ii. For everyone v17-18 [Act 2:17-18 NASB95] 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.
    - iii. To the end v19-20 [Act 2:19-20 NASB95] 19 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. 20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.
    - iv. Salvatic v21 [Act 2:21 NASB95] 21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'
  - d. Its about Jesus' atonement and resurrection
    - i. V. 22-36
    - ii. Be witnesses - [Act 1:8 NASB95] 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
  - e. As we understand the purpose of the outpouring we can make a better defense of it.
- **God wants to us to continue to experience an outpouring of His Spirit. We need it. The world needs it.**