

Power Any Time

(Acts 2:14-40)

Introduction

Pentecost was a pivotal time in church history. God moved on that original congregation in a miraculous way. He empowered the original church through His Holy Spirit.

What if we could have that power today? What if we could see the results of Pentecost happening today in Haskell.

We hear about extraordinary things happening in other countries when the gospel is preached. We hear about hundreds and even thousands coming to Christ in one day. Why not in America? Why not in Haskell? Why not at Celebration?

The key to Pentecost was not great music, great preaching, or a great outreach strategy. The key to Pentecost was the Holy Spirit. He moved in and things happened.

So what is the key? The answer is found in Peter's first sermon explaining the events of Pentecost to onlookers. These onlookers knew something was amiss, but had no idea what that "something" was.

In his first sermon, Peter explained what they saw, what they heard, and what they needed to do. We'll follow that outline today.

I. Let's Talk About What You Saw (v. 17-21)

Principle: Power can come on any person at any time after a person humbles themselves, trusts Christ and receives forgiveness of sin.

A) Power Demonstrated (v. 14-15)

B) Power Promised (v. 16-20)

C) Power's Prerequisite (v. 21)

II. Let's Talk About What They Said (v. 22-28)

Principle: The solution to your greatest problem (sin) is not to learn more, do more, or act better, but to turn to Jesus.

A) You have a sin problem (v. 22-23)

B) Your solution is Jesus (v. 24-27)

C) You joy is in Christ (v. 28)

III. Let's Talk About What You Need To Do (v. 29-40) –repent

Principle: Repentance is turning from your sins, to God, and surrendering to Him.

A) Repulsed by our sin (v. 29-37)

B) Run toward God (v. 38)

C) Repeat as new sin appears

Conclusion