



## “The Pouring Out of the Spirit and Our Salvation”

Acts 2:14-21  
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The Big Idea: The Promise has come in the Holy Spirit indwelling the believers. The Church is born and the first sermon preached in and by the church is delivered by a Spirit-transformed and empowered Peter. We need to know that anyone who calls out in faith to Jesus for salvation will be saved by our merciful and gracious God.

### Understanding the Moment:

Acts 2:14-21

2 <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But *this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:*

<sup>17</sup> “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup> the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT PETER’S SERMON

1. It is thoroughly Biblical in its content.
2. It is unmistakably centered on Christ.
3. It appeals through reason, not emotion.
4. It is preached with boldness that can only be explained by the difference the Holy Spirit is making.

### GOSPEL IMPERATIVES FOR ALL OF US

- ✓ Call on our merciful, gracious God. In faith, turn from sin and turn to Christ, asking Him to save you.
- ✓ If you have already submitted your life to Jesus as the only one who can save and the only one worthy to be your Lord, thank Him that He gave you the Holy Spirit to indwell you and transform you as radically as Peter was changed.
- ✓ Ask the Father to help you open your mouth and joyfully testify about Jesus and what He has done to make forgiveness of sin and reconciliation with our Creator possible.
- ✓ Pray for the salvation of people you know and for salvation of the Nations (people you don’t know).

“The Holy Spirit always points beyond himself and to Christ. The Father sends, the Son accomplishes, and The Holy Spirit applies the work of Christ.”  
▪ R. C. Sproul