



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, October 18, 2020 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“The Miracle at Pentecost”

Acts 2:1-13

1. The miracle at Pentecost reveals the importance of the filling of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4)

2. The interpretation of the miracle reveals the international reach of the Gospel. (Acts 2:5-13)

Table Talk

- 1) What was “the day of Pentecost”? Who was gathered and how are they described? What happened to the members of the group? (vv. 1-4)
- 2) What phenomena precede the filling of the Spirit? Why do you think Luke uses the words, “like a wind” and “as of fire”? What phenomenon follows the filling of the Spirit? (vv. 2-4) Why are we more preoccupied with these preceding and following phenomena than we are with the actual filling of the Spirit?
- 3) Why is the filling of the Holy Spirit so important? Is the filling of the Spirit individual or corporate? What items in vv. 1-4 are to be regarded as “normal” and repeatable for the church and for believers? What items are to be regarded as abnormal and unrepeatable?
- 4) Who overheard the commotion of speaking? What did they do? (vv. 5-6) Why is this crowd amazed? What explanations do they give to account for the speaking? (see vv. 7, 12, 13)
- 5) Why is it important for people to hear the “mighty works of God” (v. 11) in their own language (v. 6), their own native language (v. 8), their own tongues (v. 11)? Were the believers speaking actual and normal human languages or were they speaking some heavenly, ecstatic language?
- 6) Look on a New Testament map at the various places that are mentioned in vv. 9-11. What conclusions can you draw? Are the people from these areas Jews or Gentiles? How do we know?
- 7) What would the Christian life be like without the Holy Spirit? What would church life be like without the Holy Spirit?