

ALL THINGS IN COMMON

The Signs of a Healthy Church

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FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:36-39 [NLT]

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

POWER POINTS

The Promised Holy Spirit Is Poured Out

1. In the fullness of time (The Festival of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover when Jesus was crucified)
2. In one accord in one place (120 gathered in the Upper room)
3. The sound from heaven, like a rushing mighty wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting
4. Then they saw languages, as of fire, one sitting upon each of them
5. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance

The World's Response the Promise

1. The sound was heard abroad, outside the building
2. Galileans speaking 16 different, identifiable languages
3. Speaking the "wonderful works of God"
4. Promised to you and to your children (to people far in the future, or to the Gentiles)
5. Some were amazed, others perplexed, and some even mocked

The Explanation of the Promise

1. Peter references the Prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-32)
2. Repent, turn to God, be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins
3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
4. Promised to you and to your children (to people far in the future, or to the Gentiles)

The Beginnings of All Things in Common

1. Jesus is Lord and Christ (Messiah)
2. Repent, turn to God, be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins
3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
4. Promised to you and to your children (to people far in the future, or to the Gentiles)

The Benefits of Having All Things in Common (Acts 2:40-47)

1. Saved from this perverse generation; saved to new life, new family
2. Baptized – into the faith, in the Spirit
3. The Apostles' Doctrine
4. Fellowship

5. The Breaking of Bread
6. Prayers
7. The Fear (or reverence) of God
8. Signs & wonders
9. Commonwealth (sold possessions and goods)
10. Favor with All the People
11. Numeric Growth

DEFINITIONS

Commonwealth: common well-being

Biblical definition: rights to the nation of Israel, the covenant and promises of God

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Luke 11:13 [NLT]

So if you, sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

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