

sermon notes

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January 26, 2025 | "Outpour at Pentecost" | **Acts 2:1–13**

Exposition:

Why was the Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost?

- 1) To birth the church in an unmistakably _____
(2:1–4)
- 2) To launch the church with immediate _____
(2:5–11)
- 3) To provide the church an unavoidable _____
(1:12–13)

Application:

- 1) _____ at the once-for-all-time event of Pentecost
- 2) _____ God to move in our church in unmistakable ways
- 3) "_____ with the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 2:1. Luke says that Jesus's disciples (120 total) were "gathered together in one place." What's significant about this gathering? Why is "togetherness" such an important theme in Acts? How do you balance your corporate spiritual life with your personal spiritual life? Which is stronger?

Read Acts 2:1–13. What are some of the amazing things that God did at Pentecost? For a visual representation of this event, see the following Bible Project video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQhkWmFJKnA&t=5s>

What is descriptive and what is prescriptive for us, as Christians, in this text? What is normative and what is not normative for the church? List some prescriptive principles from this passage that you can apply into your lives as doers of God's Word.

GET PERSONAL

Is it wrong to seek experiential encounters with God like the disciples experienced in Acts 2? What are some things that you do to draw close to God? Are those experiences based more on objective truth or subjective relationship? How do you balance those two things?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

The use of tongues at Pentecost teaches us something about God's heart for the world. How did Pentecost immediately springboard the church into fulfilling the Great Commission? What parts of the Great Commission are still being fulfilled? What part do you play in fulfilling that commission locally and globally?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Interact with the following statement: "We are not called to teach the experience of the apostles; we are called to experience the teaching of the apostles." How is this an extension of what has been said already about the difference between descriptive and prescriptive statements in the Bible? Why is it important that we don't expect or demand the same experiences of the apostles? How do we experience their teaching?