

Holy Spirit Baptism – The Events

Intro: Last week, we looked at the purpose of Holy Spirit baptism by seeking to understand the idea of God pouring out his Spirit as used not only in the New Testament, but in the Old Testament as well. This afternoon, we look at what was recorded in Acts 2 and Acts 10 to see if it is consistent with our observations made last week

1. Remember Last Week
 - A. OT concept of pouring out of Holy Spirit.
 - B. John the Baptist and his work. Luke 3:13-17
 - C. John the Baptist and his teaching on the Holy Spirit. Luke 3

2. Peter's Sermon in Acts 2: Why Jesus is Lord
 - A. He was approved of God by mighty works – v. 22
 - B. They crucified Jesus but it was actually God's plan – v. 23
 - C. God raised this Jesus from the dead – v. 24-32
 - D. Having been raised, he is "exalted" to God's right hand – v. 33-35. This explains . . . what you have seen today (Evidence of God's "outpouring").
 - E. John the Baptist spoke of this day. Jesus spoke of this day. What you see gives testimony to the truthfulness of their predictions.
 - F. When realizing they had killed the Messiah (The Lord), they want to know what they should do. v. 37

3. Peter's Sermon – Acts 10:34-48
 - A. Same overall theme: Jesus is Lord
 - B. Cornelius' household received a similar experience to Apostles on Pentecost which had occurred years before. See Acts 11:15
 - C. In both cases, the "baptism" was received. (Acts 2; 11:15)
 - D. Prior to going to preach to them, Peter had explained to him that salvation also for Gentiles. Peter's friends react to this happening to Gentiles as well. (10:45ff)
 - E. In Acts 15:7-11, Peter connects the events as proof that God sees no distinction between Jews and Gentiles.

Conclusion: Compare what happens at the conclusions of both sermons (Acts 2:37-38; 10:47-48; 11:18). Holy Spirit Baptism as seen in these two instances are not signs that people are saved. It is presented as miraculous evidence that all people in the world can choose to receive salvation or the comfort that comes from the presence of God.