

Acts 2:5-41 Radical Change

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

Intro: Do you remember the day that you got saved?

A) What were the circumstances - what was going through your mind -

B) Were you confused - scared - excited - all of the above.

C) I remember the day I gave my heart to Jesus - like it was yesterday -

1) even though I was only 11 years old

D) My Conversion story was attached to my dad's conversion which happened about 1 year before me.

Dad heavy drinker - living for himself - Anger issues - good dad

A) Hard worker - but he could get upset really easily

B) Gave his heart to Jesus - things began to change - less angry - the way he treated my mom - was better

**C) But a real turning point happened - 3
30 gallon trash cans**

1) God must be real - you are doing something to my dad

Flash forward a few months later - I come home

A) The words..... no.....

B) Have you asked Jesus in your heart yet - No - better **I did that night**

C) Monumental moment that Began my 47 year journey with Jesus

1) There have been many more monumental moments that have followed in my walk with Jesus

Acts chapter 2 we see this monumental moment that takes place in the life of the early church - in the life of the followers of Jesus

A) Book of Acts Jesus is doing something **TO** the believers -

B) Jesus is doing something **IN** them - he is going to do something **THROUGH** them

C) That is what we need - Jesus to do something **To us - In US - Through us -**

1) if we are going to be the church in this dark world and during this critical time in our history

Today in our Journey look at Acts 2:5-41 -

A) Saw last week - Jesus commanded his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father

B) Holy Spirit upon them/ Empower them for service

C) Saw that happened last week - Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

1) Site and sounds

Today we are going to see what transpired from that outpouring.

A) Consider the audience - their change

B) Consider Peter - his Change

C) The message that brought change

Start with the Audience

A) It is Pentecost - 3 pilgrim feast - Pop 30K to 150K-

B) From the various invasions that occurred in Israel 1) Jewish people were dispersed all over the middle east

C) They settled in Foreign lands - like we saw in the story of Esther and the Jews in Persia

D) They settled in those lands - took on the culture and language of those lands - had children raised them in those lands

1) But when the feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles would come around - many would travel back to Jerusalem

So Jerusalem is packed full of people when the HS comes upon these 120 believers meeting in this upper room.

A) We noted last week that one of the manifestations of the HS coming upon them was there was the sound of a mighty rushing wind V.2

B) Luke 21 - Sea ROAR - People were drawn to the house - what is that sound? What is that ROAR

A Crowd gathers and they hear these 120 people speaking in tongues - and this is not gibberish

A) They are speaking fluently different languages that they recognized from the countries they were living in.

B) We are told that the crowd was confused - they are going to ask 3 questions.

1) How can this be?

2) What does this mean?

3) What must we do? - After the preaching of Peter that brought change

C) How can this be? ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"

D) These guys are all Galileans {Rural not known for its scholars - the working class.- Hicksville Accent

1) How are these Galileans fluent in all of these languages? This doesn't make sense.

#2 They ask what can this mean? V.12 Something is happening here - that is connected to God!

we hear them speaking in our own tongues {Languages} the wonderful works of God."

Note here about the gift of tongues - there some Bible teachers who teach that the disciples were preaching the gospel here -

A) Special gifting for this moment - to proclaim the truth about Jesus

B) I think that is wrong for two reasons: In Paul teaching on the gift of tongues in 1 Corinthians 14

1) He said that the gift of tongues is a private gift - special prayer language

C) Paul makes it very clear - that when someone speaks in tongues they are not speaking to men but to God.

D) That is what this was: Language of praise we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

E) Praise being offered to God

The 2nd reason I think they were not preaching a sermon in tongues is if they were - there would not have been a need for Peter to preach.

A) The crowd is perplexed because the disciples are praising God in all of these different languages

B) And they appear - fluent in them all - How can this be and what does this mean? - Perplexing

C) We read in V.13 some started to Mock - **Drunk/**

D) Know this when God is doing something - there will always be mockers

1) Sometimes it will even come from those in the church.

So we see the crowd asked two questions: How can this be? What does this mean?

A) We will see the final question that led to their change at the end of our study

B) The question: What must we do?

1) That is the question that all of us need to answer today as we consider this information

C) Here today not a Christ follower - What must you do? Need to do something with this information

D) Also something we who are followers of Jesus need to do as well?

1) Action required from this message today

Consider the change in Peter - DIRECTED BOLDNESS -

A) Peter has always been bold - but he hasn't always been directed in his boldness - live wire

B) Walking on Water in the midst of the storm - if that is you tell me to come.

C) Mt of transfiguration: Jesus appears in Glory with Moses and Elijah -

1) Peter's boldness - impetuosity - Lord it is good.....

D) Bold in rebuking Jesus - Bold - and stupid

1) Bold in declaring that although everyone else forsake you... die for you

But when the rubber hit the road - when it was really time to make a stand - Peter folded.

A) Peter Caved in and denied the Lord - 3X ...fire

B) But here we see a bold and directed Peter - no longer being a coward - but speaking in clarity

14 But Peter, **standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them**, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

C) Peter not cowering he is standing - and he is not appearing to be better than the others -

1) he is with the others

D) And what Peter is saying is not his own opinion - He is declaring the word

1) Quote Joel and David

What happened to Peter? What brought about this change - 2 things

A) #1 He saw Jesus risen from the dead!

B) Defining moment this is real - watched him die - saw him alive again

C) The defining mark of Christianity - The tomb of Jesus is empty

Came to faith at 11 but from 11-16 my faith was attached to my parents

A) Saved - God was working in my life - went to church because my parents took me.

B) I believed because of what God was doing in their lives

C) 16 during my 10th grade year - Made my faith my own - How do I know this is true?

Evidence that demands a verdict - Lawyer who tried to refute Resurrection

A) Reliability of the Bible and the proof of the Resurrection

B) Everything hinged on the resurrection - empty tomb

C) Empty and there is no explanation - That was the turning point for me - this is real - base my whole life on this truth

Jesus came - died for sin - rose lives - he is God

A) Not a Christ follower here today - You have to have an answer for the empty tomb

B) Every knee will bow and tongue confess Lord - Bow now or bow later

C) The guy with his wife - I don't believe this Jesus stuff - why? - I don't know, I just don't

1) Hunch that is not true? You are basing your eternal destiny on a hunch? - I guess I am.

D) Started talking about the reliability of the Bible - how it stands up incredibly to textual criticism

1) Started talking about the Reality of the Resurrection - countless lawyers have tried to disprove - to no avail

Simon Greenleaf -

Simon Greenleaf, was one of the principle founders of the Harvard Law School, - the most prestigious law

schools in the country. His famous three-volume work, **A Treatise on the Law of Evidence**, is still considered to be one of the greatest single authorities on that subject in the entire literature of legal procedure.

Greenleaf put the facts and testimonies to the test to see if the claim that Jesus had risen from the dead, would hold up in a court of law: His conclusion- **there is more evidence for the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ than for just about any other event in history.**

Or J. Warner Wallace - a cold case Homicide detective in LA here in Southern California -

A)He was an atheist - He decided to try and use the techniques he would use in solving a cold case - to refute the Resurrection of Jesus

B)He spent 8 months investigating the death and resurrection of Jesus like the many cold cases he'd solved over the years.

C)His conclusion: The Resurrection of Jesus was irrefutably true.

1)He became a Christ follower

D)Today travels the country sharing his evidence to educate people of reality of the Resurrection of Jesus

1)Great book **Cold Case Christianity**

Why is this so important: Young people are leaving the faith today at a large rate:

A)Doing so blindly: 63% don't believe that Jesus is the Son of the one true God. 51% don't believe that Jesus rose from the dead

B)Like this guy I was talking to - they are buying into lies and not examining the evidence.

C)I said to this man that day - **If you are wrong - Eternity in Hell - a place of extreme torment**

D)Separated from God **who loves you and wants a relationship with you and sent his son to die ...sins - and 3 days later rise - life**

You are willing to throw all of that away for a hunch? - really ?

A)If I am wrong - I have just been saved of a lot of misery and heartache in living for myself

B)I have studied the evidence and I am absolutely convinced that Jesus is alive -

1)He is God - he is the only way.

So the change in Peter was first of all linked to the reality of the Resurrection. He saw Jesus risen from the dead.

A)#2 **It was because of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

B)Now his boldness is directed by the Holy Spirit - not just Peter stating stupid things - **Lord let me build - Jesus don't talk like that**

C)Or boastful things - I will never deny you

D)Now Peter is an instrument in the hands of the Lord

Peter life reminds us of two very important truths

A)Our failures don't have to define us - Peter made massive mistakes

B)The 2nd thing Peter life teaches us is that anyone can be used in a big time way by Jesus.

1)Peter is not a scholar - not seminary trained, he just spent time with Jesus - took in the words of Jesus

C)Captured by the life of Jesus - **Where would we go in you.... life**

D)Was transformed the Rez of Jesus and being filled with the Spirit of Jesus

1)This can happen to any of us

There was a remarkable change in Peter.

A)He stands up before a mob and preach a really impactful sermon - **Heavy sermon - NOT HOLDING BACK**

B)It is interesting that this is the 1st of 19 sermons recorded in the book of Acts - 19 sermons in 28 chapters

C)The message of the gospel is front and center in the story of the move of the Holy Spirit to impact and change the world.

D)Paul called **the gospel message the Power of God unto salvation for anyone who believes**

**The Sermon that brought change was
#1 Biblical: This is that quotes Joel and David**

A) Our preaching needs to be Biblical - my opinion doesn't matter

#2 It was prophetic - 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 And it shall come to pass in the **last days**, says God,

A) Peter is defining the last days:

B) Peter is addressing this cultural moment and tying it into what Joel said would happen in the last days.

C) When did the last days start? Hebrews 1:1-2
God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these **last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." - Hebrews 1:1-2

D) The last days started when Jesus showed up - God was speaking through his son Jesus

Joel prophesied of the day that Messiah would come - Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel: I *am* the LORD your God - Joel 2:27

A) Key phrase - I am in the midst - That is significant according to what John wrote about Jesus

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

¹⁴ And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, {he was in our midst} - and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

B) The last days began when Jesus showed up - But Joel spoke in the very next verse in Joel 2 of something else that would happen in the last days.

C) Joel spoke of a day when the God would pour out his spirit on all flesh

1) The Result would be supernatural

That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,

Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they menservants and on My maidservants **shall prophesy.**

I will pour out my spirit: Pour out = literally to flow out, to gush forth- to cause something to be released in quantity.

A) On all flesh = without distinction -

B) See in the OT God only poured out his spirit on special people - priest and prophets and certain kings

1) Always temporary - why David would pray - Lord don't take your HS from me

C) The HS was only poured out about special people for a specific reason and only for a temporary need.

D) Joel said: There was a day coming when the HS would be poured out on all flesh. -

1) Anyone - believing in Jesus - Seeking to live lives dependent on Jesus

Peter's explanation is very simple. This is that - what Joel declared would happen.

A) It is, therefore, neither unexpected nor unexplained.

B) It is what Joel said would happen in the last days

C) His sermon was prophetic - pointing to what was prophesied in the last days.

What we are doing with our Prophecy Updates- why we are living in the last of the last days.

A) Missed our 9/21/22 update - Jesus said that the last days would be like the days of Noah and Lot

B) Central issue of those days: Defiance against God! - We are living in days that are also being marked by universal defiance against God

C) Characterized by these three things:

1) A culture of Disdain - Cancel culture

2) A culture of deception - many turning from the faith

3) A culture of distortion - we are distorting God's view of life, of marriage, of sexuality and now gender

D) All evidence that we are living in the last of the last days as Jesus predicted - Check it out

Back to Peter's sermon: Peter said this is what would be happening in the last days

A) This was the beginning of the last days

B) Those days will end with what we read in v.19-20

19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

C) So often there is a NOW and NOT YET - aspect to Prophecy - the now is V.16-18

1) The not yet is V.19-20

D) V.19-20 describe things the Bible describes will happen during the tribulation time before Jesus returns to planet earth.

E) So Peter's sermon was prophetic in the sense that he was defining the days in which he was living -

#3 He preached Jesus -

21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.' 22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested (Publically endorsed) by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

A) You Know- the word that Peter uses here is interesting - it means to know by perception to know with the senses.

B) These Jews had become aware of the truths about the supernatural ability of Jesus through their senses.

1) This is knowledge they knew without a shadow of a doubt (they had no excuses!)

C) They saw Him perform miracles and signs and wonders

23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

D) In his preaching about Jesus Peter preached - the Cross of Christ - he was taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

1) This was according to the predetermined plan of God

E) He also preached the Resurrection of Jesus 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

1) The Grave had no power over Jesus - He was God in human flesh

Peter is going to give 3 evidences in his sermon to the Resurrection of Jesus In v. 25-35

David's tomb Psalm 16

25 For David says concerning Him:

'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.

26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;

Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.

27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy **One to see corruption.**

{Key phrase: decompose

28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

The readers of the Old Testament up to this point had applied Psalm 16 only to David.

A) Peter, speaking through the Holy Spirit, now certified it as a messianic prophecy.

B) He is using this to affirm the messiahship of Jesus.

C) Here is the question is David speaking about himself or someone else -

29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is **both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.** David didn't rise from the dead. David's body did see corruption- Decomposed

30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see

corruption. The body of Jesus never began to decompose - He Rose!

The Tomb of David

The witnesses

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. We saw him alive!!!!

Eyewitness's testimony - is powerful

The ascension

33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: Psalm 110 - we looked at this summer -

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, 35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Jesus Rose and ascended and is sitting at the right hand of God -

Conclusion

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly (for certain) that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**"

A) Assuredly or for Certain = firm steady and immovable like an anchor

B) The reality of the Resurrection is the Anchor to our souls - the anchor of our faith.

C) So this was Peter's sermon that brought forth change

This brings us back to the final change in the audience - final question: V.37

37 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?**"

A) Cut = pierced - they were convicted

B) What shall we do? - Our hearts our pierced

C) Not a Christ follower today: You have to respond to the question: There is an empty tomb -

1) what are you going to do about it?

Answer in Peter's sermon

38 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. 39 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."

#4 Peter preached repentance -

Repentance = change of mind that results in a change of heart and leads to a change in direction.

A) Change of mind - Jesus is God - He is risen - I need to follow him - surrender to him

B) You can't be neutral - for me or against me

C) V.22 Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

1) Repentance from sin and turning to Jesus and calling upon the name of the Lord is what saves us

Peter mentions Baptism because baptism is what follows conversion

A) Outward declaration of an inward work - Jews didn't get baptized - only Gentiles - when converting to Judaism

B) So for Jews to get baptized was a radical thing - identifying with Jesus

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

What about those who us who are followers of Jesus

A) What must we do?

B) We need to repent as well - Change of mind - concerning who Jesus is in our lives/ Savior or Lord?

1) We are living in the last days

C) We need to be 100% for Jesus - can't be 1/2 or 3/4 - if we are going to impact our world