

Recap of 3/21/21 message (Joe Ricchuiti – Acts 2:5-13):

1. “Just before His ascension into heaven, our Lord said, ‘But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ Not just the missionary, not just the pastor, but all of us—a kingdom of priests who are to spread the knowledge of God far and wide. Christian, this is till the Lord’s desire. His people—all of us—are to be witnesses and take the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.” (LeRoy Eims)
2. “Acts is a pivotal book of transitions: from the Gospels to the Epistles (history), from Judaism to Christianity (religion), from law to grace (divine dealing), from Jews alone to Jews and Gentiles (people of God), and from kingdom to church (program of God)...Acts is a history of extraordinary events.” “The disciples are transformed and filled with courage to proclaim the brand new message of the resurrected Savior.” (Bruce Wilkinson)
3. Three things occurred on the Day of Pentecost: the filling of the Spirit, empowering the disciples to effectively proclaim the gospel; the baptism of the Spirit (1:5; 11:15-16), placing them into the Body of Christ, the Church; and speaking in “tongues.”
4. Two Greek words are used to describe this phenomenon of “tongues:” **glossa** (vv. 4 & 11) and **dialektos** (vv. 6 * & 8). **Glossa** is used of the tongue (i.e. the organ of speech) and of “normal human language.” “[There is] ... no indication that **glossa** ever has the sense of ecstatic utterance or unintelligible speech. (Hullinger). **Dialektos** is used of the language of a nation or a region. In both Acts and 1 Corinthians “tongues” are known languages, not ecstatic utterance or “angel speak.”
5. Charles Ryrie, the book “**Balancing the Christian Life**,” addresses the issue of should we seek to speak in tongues, he writes:
 - you can be Baptized by the Spirit and not speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 12:13, 30).
 - the distribution of spiritual gifts is limited in various way. Not all the gifts are given in all times or in all places. Some, for instance, were foundational.
 - Tongues will cease (1 Corinthians 13:8). Literally, “they will stop or cease of themselves.”
 - “...tongues (that is, the genuine scriptural gift) died out in [the] founding era too.” (Ryrie)
 - there are more important gifts than tongues (1 Corinthians 12:28,31). We should seek those.
 - Christlikeness does not depend on speaking in tongues (the Fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23; Jesus never spoke in tongues.