

The Spirit Sends to Save
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Acts 2:14-21
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Synopsis:

When the Spirit of Jesus comes upon the gathered disciples, people ask, “What does this mean?” Last week we learned that it means God sends the Spirit to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world, language by language, dialect by dialect. It’s feet out the door!

But what is the good news of Jesus? Peter tells us that the good news is *salvation*. But what does salvation mean?

Let’s take a look at Peter’s sermon and find out.

I.

I’m S-A-V-E-D!

Acts 2:21 “Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved”

What is SAVED?

Are you *saved*?

I have *salvation* in Jesus Christ

What does this mean?

Ticket to heaven? Where’s that?

Saved from what?

Saved for what?

Song:

It’s GLORY to know I’m SAVED

I’m HAPPY because I’m FR-EE

I once was BOUND with chains of SIN

But it’s VICTORY to know I’ve Christ within

What is salvation and why would we want it?

II.

SAVED in Israel

Acts 2:21 “In the *last days* it will be”

Peter’s sermon (Acts 2:21-36) = Spirit signals salvation

What does this mean?

Justice: Someday the bully gets it
Derby and Prince
Tennessee vs. Alabama/Florida
Cal vs. USC

Starts with the bully getting it
READ Acts 2:17, 20-21 notice *day* and *days*
Day of Lord =when the bully gets it

History:

Moses and Pharaoh	Exod 15	LORD fights
Gideon and Midian	Judges 7	LORD fights
Ark battles	Sam-Kgs	LORD fights
Exile and post-Exile		
Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome		LORD fights?

Prophets: Talk about the Day of Lord

Amos 5

Joel 2

Malachi 4:1-3 (READ) When will
LORD fight?

Salvation =

A day when LORD will come and defeat our enemies and place a king on the throne, who will rule with justice and righteousness. This worldly expectation = heaven comes here.

E.g. Prince is going to get it!

*Always *future*

*Jesus says it is *here now*

Peter says the Day of the Lord *starts now* because the sign of the Spirit is here. And the Spirit means salvation.

What is salvation?

III.

SAVED in Jesus Christ

Acts 2:32 “This Jesus God raised up”

SAVED in Jesus: What is this?

Three Things: Each section is call, explain, quote

READ each verse

1. Spirit is the sign (v 17) Acts 2:14-21

Spirit signals that the Day of the Lord is here

Joel 2

*Spirit of God now present with us
enables clarity, courage, conviction

2. Death and resurrection is the act (vv 23-24) Acts 2:22-28

Victory is not over Rome, but over evil, sin, and death, which lie behind, within, and over all enemies

Psalm 15

*Principalities and powers are disarmed
no power over you now

2. Ascension signals authority (vv 34-36) Acts 2:29-36

Jesus is now Lord and Messiah (master and chosen)

Psalm 110

*Jesus is master of sin and death
no authority over you

Here is salvation:

In Jesus Christ God has defeated the bully, which is really evil, sin, and death; and God has done this in advance of the final Day of the Lord. Right now, we can experience victory over evil, sin, and death.

IV.

SAVED for Us

Acts 2:21 “Everyone who calls upon the Lord”

So what?

What is salvation? (READ v21)

Jesus defeats our bullies

Who are your bullies?

What holds you under its finger?

What kicks your rear regularly?
What keeps you in fear?
What keeps our nation in fear?
What keeps our church in fear?

Some answers:

Addiction
Abuse
Fear
Disease
Islam
Finances

What are my bullies?

Fear, courage, down on myself
Failure in my new role as missional pastor
Father with my son, daughter
End up like my father

God in Jesus Christ defeats evil, sin, and death
I need not be afraid

E.g. morning by morning I remind myself

Who is salvation for? READ vv 17-18

-young, old (*presbuteroi*), families, slaves
-intergenerational: Aliso and LWV
-everyone needs this

Everyone has a Prince in his or her life
Everyone group has an Alabama/Florida
Everyone needs justice and right relationships

Who gets to tell others? READ vv 17-18

-young, old, families, slaves
-everyone gets feet out the door
-everyone gets to go next door

One thing to do

-write v 21 on a piece of paper
-write "Jesus defeats my bullies"
-Put it on your mirror, refrigerator