**Unstoppable - wk 3 – What Just Happened?**

**Happy Mother’s Day. A godly mother loves the word of God. Usually have a mom sermon – but we are in Acts.**

**Acts is Jesus: The Sequel -picks up right after the resurrection**

**A continuation of Luke's gospel - A narrative – to Theophilus**

**Luke tells us the crystal-clear mission Jesus gave us (sums up Acts) Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

**10 days later it happened on the holiday of Pentecost…**

**Acts 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues (glossai – languages) of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled (pletho - fully supplied) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (known languages) as the Spirit enabled them.**

**Nikol - Mom’s speaks in tongues –the language of their children.**

**Controversial - last wk unpacked the purpose for miraculous “languages” in the Bible What is it is and biblically is not.**

* **A miraculous declaration of praise – and –**
* **A miraculous confirmation of God’s purpose**
* **Biblically not for everyone and not to be sought after**

**Those within earshot were amazed and some thought they are drunk.**

**Acts 2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: (No prep, the word was in him and now empowered by the HS)**

**Notice how gifts of the Spirit point to the gospel - prepares the heart for the Word of God - unfortunately some flip it.**

**(Peter led by the HS preaches in Greek) “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! (funny…)**

**16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: (Peter gives biblical basis for this - quote Joel 2:28-32) 17 “‘In the last days, (not end of the world – but appointed age or season) God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. (Remember last wk - purpose of tongues was a confirmation that the Messiah was for all people) Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. (Still in Joel) 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. (Events of the cross) 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” (All of that is from Joel 2)**

**We are not crazy or drunk - what Joel prophesied is happening, this is that – but the bigger application is…**

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord (Jesus) will be saved.”**

**This pouring out of the Spirit of God is the beginning of the promise that God will pour out salvation on all people - not just Jewish people. It is a confirmation of God’s purpose!**

**Then for the next 30 verses Peter boldly gives the good news!**

**We are going to read a large passage at once. Many skim over or skip.**

**Let’s see together see what the 1st sermon preached by a Christian is.**

**Acts 2:22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. (you saw and heard of Jesus life and miracles) 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. (You did it! – you killed him!)**

**24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. (Love that!)**

**(Peter quotes Psalm 16) 25 David said about him: (about Jesus – 1000 years earlier) “‘I saw the Lord (the Messiah) always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, (what a great promise) 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. (won’t not rot in the grave) 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’**

**(Peter explains this) 29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, (Sheol / hades) nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. (we = the 11 and other disciples) 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, (authority) he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

**Peter preached the Messiah was to die and rise from the dead – the resurrection and exaltation and of Jesus!**

**(Peter then quotes a 3rd OT verse – Psalm 110) 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “‘The LORD (Yahweh) said to my Lord (Adoni): “Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’ (Peter quotes Jesus’ fav verse, Psalm 110. God calling the messiah God – reigning over all.) 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”**

**Using the OT, he quotes Joel, King David, and proclaims Jesus is fulfillment of scripture. You were wrong about Jesus - Jesus is the Lord God almighty messiah!**

**V23 twice and now v36 – 3X “you killed Jesus” “you crucified” You’re guilty - you’re responsible - we all are guilty everyone – our sin – our selfishness – our hate – our anger.**

**2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart (gospel truth – not a miracle or sign) and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” (What are we to do – if we belief this??)**

**Just 50 days earlier Peter is using a sword to try kill and now he is using the sword of the spirit to heal - cutting to the heart.**

**One of the greatest questions you’ll ever be asked when you share the good news – and the HS works on a person’s heart.**

**38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.**

**Not a baptism formula – but I tell you this and we are to do this in the authority of Jesus. Jesus told us how in Matt 28.**

**And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Salvation and the gift of the HS - not the promise of tongues) 39 The promise (of salvation) is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

**“…and for all who are far off…” This is just the beginning!**

**The world will hear this and many will believe and receive this!**

**(Only part of the sermon) 40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” (Turn to Jesus while you still can – the plea of every gospel centered preacher)**

**Peter gives - Four Clear Responses to the Gospel**

1. **Believe – We believe this by faith**

**v. 36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” (Do you believe that?)**

**He says – be assured - Jesus is God in the flesh, born, lived, performed miracles, was crucified for our sins, risen again, and exalted - Jesus is the promised one you’re looking for!!**

1. **Repent - inward faith (Acts 2:38)**

**This is not feeling sorry - but recognizing you're wrong, a change of mind, turning from self to God – turning to the truth that Jesus is who he says he is, and to acknowledge him as Lord. Submission as Lord.**

**Repentance always results in a changed direction in life**

**An urgent message- v44“he warned them; and he pleaded with them”**

**Eternity is real – judgement is real – but God’s grace is powerful.**

**Don’t put it off, don’t wait – today is the day! Funerals of all ages.**

1. **Baptized - outward response**

**A demonstration of faith and obedience. A declaration that you are dead to self (buried w/ Christ) and a new person (risen w/ Christ).**

**It does not save us, but it was never meant to be an option.**

1. **Receive the Holy Spirit – to walk and live by the Spirit**

**This is not about speaking in tongues - this is about walking with God**

**This is about getting under the daily influence of God's Spirit**

**And here is the great beauty of this Acts 2 gospel sermon. Salvation and the Spirit are for everyone for “whom the Lord our God will call.”**

**This may seem simple to you, but not to them. This was new. Jewish people lived in such a way that God was only for them.**

**Then here comes Peter proclaiming Jesus, quoting Joel, "God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people, every tongue, every tribe…” This is for anyone who will hear and receive.**

**(Check out what happened) Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (3000 in one day - imagine? Everywhere, disciples baptizing – 300 an hour)**

**One message 120 people to 3000 in one day. The 3000 people gave their life to Jesus – church begins!**

**Acts 2:42 - What follows is the dream of all churches - next week.**

**Did speaking in tongues happen again? Only 2 other times in Acts.**

**Is there a difference between being filled and baptized in the Spirit?**

**This will come up later in Acts. We will get to it.**

**Acts 2 – some say Peter is inviting everyone to speak in tongues – but the real invitation is to repentance & salvation.**

**Last wk we saw (2 Cor 12-14) we are not to seek tongues, but that God desires intelligible proclamation of the gospel.**

**How then, did churches get so focused on this?**

**Next week we will take a look at this.**

**A Few Stand Outs from Acts 2**

**\*\*\* The sovereignty of God is always at work**

**Acts 2:23 This man (Jesus) was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead…**

**Even the evil intentions of man – can be pre-ordained by God.**

**God’s plan all along – was to use wicked people doing wicked things – of their own volition - to accomplish His perfect loving plan.**

**We are inclined and bent to evil. Without the deliberate restraining of evil by God – there would is no good. He need only lift restraint. God’s perfect plan is established in pain & suffering - looking back**

**We also see the sovereignty of God in Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

**Salvation of an individual is subject to the will of God. God reaps.**

**John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. - I didn’t exactly choose God - God chose me.**

**\*\*\* The purpose of the signs and wonders is to point to the gospel**

**Sometimes people seek an experience – when we are called to seek the face of God and seek out the lost. The emphasis was never tongues!**

**We will see this again and again – the miracles that do happen are for the purpose of confirming the Gospel.**

**\*\*\* The Holy Spirit changes everything**

**Pentecost is the beginning of turning a weak faction into unstoppable followers - united in the Spirit of God to speak boldly!**

**You see what the Spirit of God did. Peter, who was once told by Jesus that he was filled with Satan was now filled with the Spirit.**

**Who 50 days earlier is cutting off ears, running from people, cursing at a little girl, and denying he knew Jesus.**

**But now under the influence of the Spirit of God Peter stands up to a crowd, to boldly preach Jesus.**

**The Christian Life is more than just knowing the facts of Jesus – but it is also learning to wait and walk in the Spirit.**

**Mom – the burden you bear for your family is unlike others.**

**Your strength will come from the Lord. Your strength can be found in the Holy Spirit. The gift of God given to his children.**

**I challenge you – learn to lean in and wait on the Holy Spirit.**

**Prayer for mom’s**

**Prayer for salvation**