



MISSION CONTROL “Supernatural ChurchBirth” Part 2

Acts 2:1-13
May 24, 2015

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 - **The Feast of Weeks or Harvest** – Evangelism
Exodus 23:16
 - **The Feast of First Fruits** – Earnest Money
*Numbers 28:6 Exodus 23:16, 34:22, Leviticus 23:15;
Romans 8:19-23; 2 Corinthians 5:5; Ephesians 1:13*
 - **The Giving of the Law** – Evidence
Exodus 19:1; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Heb. 10:11,16-18
- ✓ **God’s Power – The Wind**
Ezekiel 37:9; John 3:5-8
- ✓ **God’s Presence – Fire**
*Exodus 3:1-6; 19: 16-17; Hebrews 12:18-24 Matthew
3:11; Luke 3:16*

THE FIRST CHURCH WAS VALIDATED BY: Vs 4,11b

- ✓ **Them Being Filled With the Holy Spirit**
*Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28;
Ephesians 4:4 -6; Acts 8, 10, 19; Acts 4:31,6, 7, 9, 13,
Ephesians 5:18*
- ✓ **Them Speaking in Other Languages**
- ✓ **Them Praising the Lord**
The Languages Were For Validation Not Communication

THE FIRST CHURCH WAS FOR EVERYONE Vs 5-11

- ✓ The People Heard and Understood in Their Own Heart Language
- ✓ The People Were From Everywhere
- ✓ The People Would Come to Know It Was For Them

THE REACTION TO THE FIRST CHURCH WAS

Vs 7-8, 12-13

- ✓ **Amazement**
- ✓ **Confusion**
- ✓ **Contempt**

How Will Respond?

- ✓ Would you realize and understand that the Lord will go to any length to say “This Message is for You?” Today, I plead with you to accept the greatest gift you could ever receive the Gift of Eternal Life? Would give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God’s Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
- ✓ Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. He was willing to humble Himself and be obedient, will you?
- ✓ Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ!
- ✓ Would the words that come from our lips constantly be to speak the wonderful works of God? May it be so!
- ✓ May we be consistently empty so that we can continually be filled with the Holy Spirit!

THE ACTS: MISSION CONTROL

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May 31, 2015 AM Service

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The First Church Was Validated By: Vs 4, Vs 11b

✓ **Their Being Filled With the Holy Spirit** Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4 -6; Acts 8, 10, 19; Acts 4:31, 6 Acts 7, 9, 13, Ephesians 5:18

2 Distinct Occurrences

Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Filling of the Holy Spirit

Both talked about here, and we must make a distinction here.

The distinction is the baptism is a one-time filling of the Holy Spirit coming at the point of salvation. Once and for all

The Filling is a continual occurrence or repeated that flows out of the reality of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Vs 2-3)

These three signs were representative of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Jewish believers for the very first time.

It doesn’t say baptism here, back up to [Acts 1:4-5](#) The words of Jesus [Verse 4](#), they were filled with the Holy Spirit referring to the second filling. The connection is obvious.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is when they are immersed in the Holy Spirit. It permeates everything. Dip under or immerse the words mean

it is why we baptize that way because it is consistent with the New Testament.

Verse 2 Filled the room - Believers were continually filled with the spirit, as they yield to the Spirit, really what the filling is, yielding to the Spirit. It is why we have these two occurrences.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (One time occurrence)

Bible teaches us this is to be equated with salvation

[Romans 8:9](#) -- Got to receive the Holy Spirit, either they lost it or have to have it multiple times, and not consistent with what we believe, that once you receive Christ you are saved and secure.

[I Corinthians 12:13](#) – We were made a part of the body of Christ

That is why this is the birth of the body of Christ, individual believers now becoming the body of Christ together. [Galatians 3:28](#); [Ephesians 1:24](#); [I Peter 3:21](#)

2. Filling of the Holy Spirit

It is a continuing and reoccurrence in our lives

[Acts 4:31, 6](#) – Disciples, [Acts 7](#) of Stephen is filled, proclaiming Christ [Acts 9 & 13](#), Paul is filled with the Holy Spirit

What happens during these times? Followed by bold proclamation! the gospel of Jesus Christ! It is why it is necessary for us to be filled with the Spirit to proclaim the gospel [Ephesians 5:18](#)

✓ **Their Speaking in Other Languages**

You have to believe the disciples and other followers were amazed that they were able to converse in other languages they didn't even know! These languages were unknown to them and not only that they used the proper dialects.

The Source – The Spirit of God

“as the Spirit gave them utterance”

Not something you are trained to do, prompted to do, learn to do, manipulate you to do (could), not initiated by an individual. We are bound by the context to understand this issue. These tongues were a direct response to the Holy Spirit.

This is a challenging subject that many choose to avoid – we will not - nor we will go incredibly deep here – but let's be clear about what is talked about here and I believe it is freeing. Many if not all of you have

not spoken in tongues or a private prayer language and that is ok. There are two lines of thinking on this – what happen here was not some ecstatic experience where they were out of their mind and speaking in unintelligible words. There is a reference to 1 Corinthians 14 which will be talk about in a moment. (Speaking in tongues ceased to exist just as the office the apostle did, or they still exist or even a third which I tend to lean towards which is neither of these.

There are other denominations who say they do – and the thought here is to be very careful. Not to deny the experience but to be careful where the experience comes from. Do not deny the experience, question the source of it. Satan can create experiences that seem real, and legitimate. Our experiences have to measured by the Word of God.

“as the Spirit gave them utterance”

Vs 5-ff In his own language, word we get dialect, specifically refers to known languages. Contrast that with some idea that they are some ecstatic spiritual language they were speaking, what caught them off guard was is they were hearing them speak in their own dialect, their mother tongue, language

Vs 7, Vs 11

How does the text define tongues here?

Supernatural, miraculous ability for the people to speak and people to understand a person speaking a known language which they had not studied or learned.

What about this? Could the people have just heard it in their own language? No, this would mean the crowd had received the Holy Spirit, and they had not. That would come shortly

Also, the emphasis was on the speaking and not the hearing.

Why would Luke even bother to tell of the Spirit coming so powerfully upon these men, allowing them to speak these foreign languages?

The Scripture – It's purpose

I Corinthians 12-14

Paul is bringing clarity to this issue of tongues, because there was confusion in church at Corinth about it.

We do not deny the gifts of tongues, it is a legitimate spiritual gift, the problem has come in understanding what that gift is. through the

definition.

Not even an ecstatic prayer language nobody understands or heard of.
Talking about known languages [I Corinthians 14:20-22](#)

Laying the foundation, going to quote the OT [Isaiah 28:11](#), give context - how you know it has happened, they were speaking their language, God had been trying to get them to repent, to turn and do what is right, and they wouldn't so He said this is my judgment, I will use another people and here is how you will know that my presence has gone to be with them, and I am beginning to use them, they are going to come speaking a different tongue.

Assyrian not speaking Hebrew, the sign you'll know judgment has come Assyrians came to bring them into exile speaking Assyrian
That will be the sign for you, a people of a different tongue

There will always be people who are on the outside looking in and wondering is this of God. And even people on the inside who are wondering, can God give His presence to people other than us, that was the problem with the Jews. So God comes to the Jews first, brings His Spirit and He confirms it with a supernatural gift of speaking in known language without having learned it and people hearing it.

It was a sign of transition, from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

The Other Settings

3 other times, these kinds of signs happen in Acts

[Acts 8](#), it is when the Samaritans got saved, think about it, [Acts 1:8](#)

Holy Spirit comes here, these half breeds, how will the Jews be convinced that these half breeds as they were called in that day had gotten saved, God uses the exact same sign with them.

[Acts 10](#), Gospel goes to the Gentiles got the Holy Spirit the same way, Peter said it in Acts 15. Peter saw it, the signs

[Acts 19](#) when the baptism came on the OT Testament saints and disciples of John the Baptist, wondering what was going on.

John disciples, said didn't even know about the Holy Spirit.

Don't find a reference to every time someone is saved that these sensational signs happen. It's not there

But these distinct signs occur these 4 times

The confirmation of God that His presence had been given to these new

people just like it had been given to the Jews who had trusted Him as their Lord and Savior. (Think about [Isaiah 28](#) and [I Corinthians 14](#))
It all connects and it all makes sense.

Didn't intend for us to be confused, wants it to be clear

✓ **Their Praising the Lord**

The Languages Were for Validation Not Communication

Vs. 5 Devout men, it means cautious, not to offend God, people who were serious about their worship of God.

Very concerned that what they were doing was of God

Can you imagine what happened when these Galileans who were considered to be low lifes, uneducated, untrained, when these guys begin to speak in these languages? They had to be skeptical!!

It says they were speaking to the wonderful works of God. What is that? Psalms, and the like, recounting what God had done in the past.

It is what they speak first - Why? These devout Jews, very curious, and wondering and very concerned if what is happening is of God.

And when the Galileans start speaking in these other known languages, they know that it is either of the devil or of God.

Begin to listen and hear them speak, they knew it was not of the devil because they were speaking of the wonderful works of God

3 thousand people who are now tuned in to what they have to say, Peter is going to stand up and proclaim the gospel, tell them of Jesus

It had to happen this way, to get the attention of these Jews and others that there was evidence that it was of God.

The supernatural speech was part of the wonderful works of God.

The First Church Was For Everyone Vs 5-11

✓ **The People Heard and Understood in Their Own Heart Language**

These people were able to hear and understand in their own heart language the wonderful works of God! This so significant!

ILLUS: Mission Field – people hearing the Word of God and reading it in their own heart language & Missionaries – living in an area where they have been speaking another language & then get to worship in English together – it's amazing!

✓ **The People Were From Everywhere** These Jews that represented Jews who had been dispersed all over the world – the Lord had gathered them

together. A roll call of all of these Jews who had gone into other countries many back to the time of the deportation and God's judgment and their families had been born there and now they were coming back to celebrate the Feast Days. This echoes back to the Day of the Tower of Babel and even more important – [Acts 1:8](#) – these showed the Gospel and in many ways where it was headed – to the ends of the earth!

✓ **The People Would Come to Know It Was For Them**

When you put together that they heard in their own language and they were able to understand it and see that the Gospel was for everyone and most importantly it was for them and that the Lord would go to any lengths to reach them with the Gospel! And that goes for anyone here today listening and even how He will use us to share the Gospel with others.

The Reaction to the First Church Was: Vs 7-8, 12-13

✓ **Amazement**

The crowd was blown away, amazed, dumbfounded in what they were seeing, hearing, and experiencing. Couldn't explain it. They were surprised. In the world we live in, where people are so intrigued by the mystical and by "spiritual things" people have an amazement for things that they cannot explain. How were these untrained Galileans talking in their own language and many other ones too so that everyone understood what they were saying? These men had been supernaturally changed and they spoke with great confidence about the mighty acts of God.

✓ **Confusion**

When they can't explain something, they are confused, people want to have an explanation for everything. It can be a positive thing as it was here, they were perplexed. And they say, whatever can this mean? Where confusion leads people, leads them to look for answers, to have some reconciliation and in a day where we perceived it as negative that people are just perplexed and amazed at spiritual things, that there is a positive element, that it lead people to want answers, what is this about? Their attention was captivated here about something they couldn't answer.

What a wonderful thing when people are looking at the church, and

looking at Christians, and seeing spiritual things going on in their lives, seeing things that cannot explain and cannot just rationalize away, when they see curiosity heightened and their hearts become open.

It is beckoning us to bring a word of clarity of an answer to what they are seeing, a word of redemption to their questions.

That is exactly what happens here.

Are there things that happen in your life, that you and I are so in touch with Jesus everyday, that our lives are different, that we live differently, act differently and talk differently especially in the midst of difficult circumstances that they wonder, what could this mean, why are you this way. In other words, does our life cause people to have questions about their own life and that they see a difference from our life to theirs.

Jesus talked about this in Matt 5:16, see your good works and be drawn to the Father.

When they a connection between your life and the truth is presented it gets their attention. A ripe opportunity that we have even today to seize the day when people have these questions.

ILLUS: Comparison Boston Marathon Bombing – comparing reactions for the victims – some forgiving – even asking for Tsarniev’s life to be spared – and others saying we will never forgive him – he doesn’t deserve it!

ILLUS: Movie - End of the Spear in which the story is told through the Eyes of Steve Saint and this people group to whom the these 3 missionaries had gone to share the gospel and the people were afraid of them, and speared them before they could even share their message.

And how Elizabeth Elliot, the husband of Jim Elliot, stayed and even moved in with them

Steve Saint eventually returned there to those tribesman and he and the man who killed his father are even now touring together sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

The power of the gospel is not so much that a murderer could be a forgiven, but that a man could stand next to the man who murdered his father and not only forgive him but embrace him as a brother!

That leads a world to have questions, how can this be, they might be able to understand a murderer who has been reformed, but a family

member to forgive like this in unexplainable! And in those moments, ripe ones, we need to be ready to share the good news of Jesus.

✓ **Contempt – Mocking**

They are drunk – they are out of their mind! But let's stop and think about this – really – a drunk person speaking another language with the perfect dialect – I have heard drunk folks talk but most of it was not understandable and it sure wasn't in a foreign language – now it was foreign but one I had heard before.

Because people are so uncomfortable by what they see, they have a tendency to make fun of it, by pushing it away from them. But behind that though is a question, what does this mean?

We must not react to the mockery and the persecution of the moment but instead speak the word of truth to what is really happening.

We shouldn't be surprised when this happens. Scripture tells us it will happen.

It is simply the way a lost person reacts when they see that taking place, it is better to avoid it, and not deal with it, but to cast stones, make fun of it because they can't explain it and it takes the attention off of them.

Do not take the mockery at face value, don't react against it, but learn to look at the mockery, could there be amazement or confusion wanting an answer for what they are seeing and experiencing but simply don't have one.