**The Mission Ignited**

**Acts 2:1-13**

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Acts 1:8

***1****When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.****2****And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.****3****And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.****4****And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.* ***5****Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.****6****And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.****7****And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?****8****And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?****9****Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,****10****Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,****11****both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”* ***12****And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”****13****But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”*

**Premise #1:** The promise of the power from the Holy Spirit in Acts 1:8 is for the express purpose of world evangelization.

***47****"And that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.****48****You are witnesses of these things.****49****And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”* Luke 24:47-49

**Premise #2:** World evangelization is an unfinished task.

*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.* Matthew 24:14

**Conclusion:** The promised power experienced at Pentecost is still valid and available for the church today.

I. The SIGNIFICANCE Of The Festival

*When the day of Pentecost arrived…*

A. A dramatic increase in POPULATION

*dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation*

B. It provided powerful SYMBOLISM

*You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor.* Exodus 23:16

II. The SUDDENNESS Of The Fall

*And suddenly there came from heaven a sound…*

*One day, in the city of New York - oh, what a day! I cannot describe it, I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name... I can only say that God revealed himself to me, and I had such an experience of his love that I had to ask him to stay his hand. I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths, and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world -- it would be small dust in the balance.* DL Moody

*And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.* Acts 4:31

***10****But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.* ***15****And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.* Acts 6:10, 15

III. The SPEECH Of Those Empowered

*…we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.*

IV. The SPECTRUM Of The People

***9****Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,****10****Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,****11****both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians.*

V. The SHOCK Of The Crowd

***12****And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”****13****But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”*

***1****Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.****2****By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,****3****and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.* 1 John 4:1-3

**So What?**

**Remove the barriers to the Holy Spirit working in my life.**

**Last Thought:** Just as OXYGEN revitalizes a fire, the Holy Spirit wants to revitalize our church. We must remove the barriers and SURRENDER to Him.