

The introduction and founding of the Church 2:14-21

1. What the Phenomenon of Pentecost Was Not

Peter uses this charge of drunkenness to introduce his first message. Acts 2:13-15

2. What the Phenomenon of Pentecost Was Acts 2:16-21

a. The Link to the Prophet Joel; Acts 2:16

The question in the minds of Peter's listeners was What does this mean?

The events here at Pentecost were not self-explanatory, and this is why Peter is about to offer his explanation.

b. The Words of the Prophet Joel; Acts 2:17-21

4. The Primary Ministry and Purpose of the Spirit  
The Principle of Focus

Primary Focus of the Scripture is on the Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- He is the hope of glory and the focus of the Bible (cf. Col. 1:27-29; 2:10; 3:1f).
- He is given to manifest the person and work of Jesus Christ, to make us aware of all He is to us, and to enable us to experience Christ's life in ours. John 16:13-15; Eph. 3:16-19
- Gal. 3:3; 5:5
- But the purpose is that we might share in the life of Christ. John 14:16-20

This Scriptural Focus is seen in other passages:

- John 7:37-39 The basis for the gift of the Spirit is the glorification of Christ.
- John 15:26

Paraklhtoj contains the ideas of comforting, exhorting, encouraging, interceding, advising, and strengthening.

- Rather, the focus is on
  - (a) how "the Enabler" is sent in the name of Christ,
  - (b) brings to remembrance what Christ taught the disciples,
  - (c) bears witness of Him,
  - (d) is sent by the Savior Himself,
  - (e) does not speak on His own initiative,
  - (f) glorifies the Savior, and
  - (g) takes of the things of Christ and discloses them.

His objective via all His ministries is to develop our faith, hope, love, adoration, obedience, fellowship, and commitment to Christ.

## 5. The Ministries of the Spirit