

Spreading A Passion For the Supremacy of God: Part II

**Acts 2:1-13
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Why missions week now?

1. Jesus gave the Great Commission to his disciples after the resurrection, not before.
2. The power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is a gospel spreading power.

Revelation 7:9-12

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.’”

“Missions exists because worship doesn’t”

John Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad*

Psalm 67:3

*“Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all
the peoples praise you!”*

The Main Point for Today is...

...seeing the vision and enflaming our affections and committing ourselves to action comes about as the power that raised Jesus from the dead pulses through our minds and hearts and lives!

Acts 2:1-13

“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.

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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.'"

The Meaning of Pentecost

1. Luke strongly emphasizes that Jews from all over the world were in Jerusalem (vv. 5 & 9-11).
2. The disciples were proclaiming, in tongues, the mighty works of God (v. 11)
3. Peter preached and about 3,000 persons believed in Jesus, repented of their sins, and submitted to baptism.

The Meaning of Pentecost

The message of Pentecost is not that whoever is filled with the Spirit will speak in tongues; the message of Pentecost is that the spread of the gospel around the world is enabled and guaranteed by the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Therefore...

Let us believe in Christ

and be bold in him!

Four Thoughts for Communion:

- (1) I believe in Jesus Christ and commit myself to repenting of all known sin.
- (2) I gladly receive the forgiveness of Jesus Christ and the freedom that comes along with that.
- (3) I identify myself with the mission of Christ in the world and I commit myself to grow in the passion that motivates my Lord's heart.
- (4) I offer myself to play whatever part the Lord would have me play in his global purposes, no matter how great or small.