



“A Left Hook To the Body”

“Back in the Day” Series / week 3

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INTRO.— PETER’S SPEECH AT PENTECOST — Acts 2:14-15

“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!”

[enotizomai] - “let me place it into your ears.”

PART ONE — HISTORY— Acts 2:16-21

“No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

PART TWO — JESUS IS LORD — Acts 2:22–36

“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. ²³This 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. ²⁴But 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.”

[odin] - the ‘pain’ of childbirth

PART THREE — A CALL TO BELIEVE— Acts 2:37-41

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

- Galatians 3:2-3 *“I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?”*
- Ephesians 5:18 *“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,…”*
- Galatians 5:25 *“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*

PROOF...

Michael Green, "I Believe in the Holy Spirit" - *"I chose to write on the holy spirit myself for a very definite reason: it is my settled conviction and indeed my experience, that division and suspicion need not be present in relation to the Spirit of Jesus. I offer this book as a healing, and theological perspective on this most exciting and disturbing movement of our time. It is the work of an unholy spirit to divide; the Holy Spirit longs to unite."*

...MIDDLE...

Francis Chan, "Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit." - *"From my perspective, the Holy Spirit is tragically neglected and ignored, for all practical purposes, forgotten. While no evangelical would deny His existence, I'm willing to bet there are millions of churchgoers across America who cannot confidently say they have experienced His presence or action in their lives over the past year. And many of them do not believe they can."*

...PASSION

Robert Heidler, "Experiencing the Spirit: Developing a Living Relationship with the Holy Spirit" - *"From time to time, as I read the New Testament, I would feel a profound sense of dissatisfaction with my Christian life. It was clear to me that the people in the Bible experienced a level of relationship with God that I knew very little about... I didn't understand it, but I knew the answer had something to do with the Holy Spirit."*

Small Group Questions

1. Peter's speech provides us with a great outline for sharing our faith:
 - History – What is your history with God, How did you come to faith? Can you share that with someone?
 - Jesus is Lord – What do you truly believe about Jesus?
 - A Call To Believe – When is the last time you shared your faith with someone? What is stopping you?
2. What do you think when you hear the phrase "Gift of the Holy Spirit?" Is the Holy Spirit in your arsenal? Have you had past Holy Spirit experiences...Care to share?
3. In this season of your journey, how will you engage the Holy Spirit at a deeper level?