

#### IV. A New Reality Applied (2:37-47)

A. The New Reality Applied to the Unbeliever (2:37-39)

B. The New Reality Applied to the Believer (2:40-47)

#### LIVE THE STORY

*We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.*

- How does the historic idea of Pentecost inform our understanding of what God is doing in Acts 2? Why is this important?
- What parallels can you see between the events of Pentecost (Acts 2) and the original Sinai encounter where God's presence comes and gives His law? What contrasts?
- How many Old Testament promises can you find being fulfilled in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost? How do the events of that day point to their fulfillment?
- How does Peter explain the meaning of the events that day to those hearing? Is there anything about his explanation that surprises you?
- How do the texts in Isaiah 2:2-3 and 4:2-6 apply to meaning of what was happening in Acts 2?
- How do the texts in Joel 2 that Peter quotes, and what follows explain what was happening that day?
- How does Ephesians 2:19-22 help explain what was happening on this day?
- How do the events of Acts 2:1-13 point to the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of God? Why do you think this produces the response of 2:37?
- By comparing Peter's quote and application of Joel 2:28-31, with the Old Testament version, how can we see that Peter understood the Deity of Christ on the first day of the church?

#### Pentecost: A New Reality

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Text: Acts 2:1-39

#### Introduction: Displaying, Explaining and Proclaiming Reality

#### I. A New Reality Displayed (2:1-13)

A. *“When the day of Pentecost came...”*

- i. Pentecost commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Law to Israel assembled at Mount Sinai, and the birth of Israel as a nation.

ii. Rebirth or Restoration of Israel

B. Sound of a Storm Descending; Sight of Fire Descending

- i. Exodus 19:18 – A Storm descends on Sinai

a) Psalm 18:15

b) Genesis 2:7

ii. Exodus 19:18 – Fire descends on Sinai

iii. Exodus 24:17

- iv. ... *filled the whole house*
  - a) **Sinai:** the whole top of the mountain was filled with fire and smoke.
  - b) **Tabernacle:** Exodus 40:20, 34-35
  - c) **Solomon's Temple:** 1 Kings 8:9-11
  - d) **Pentecost:** Acts 2
    - Isaiah 32:15
    - Ephesians 2:19-22

*That Pentecost they gathered to remember the birth of the nation and to renew their commitment to the Law. Instead, there is the rebirth of the nation and a new covenant beginning to be written on their hearts.*

- C. The Jews Gathered from Every Nation Under Heaven
  - i. *"God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven"* (5)
  - ii. *"both Jews and converts to Judaism"* (11)
- D. *"What does this mean?"*

## II. A New Reality Explained (2:14-21)

- A. *"In the last days..."*
  - i. Isaiah 2:2-3
  - ii. Isaiah 4:2-6
- B. *"on all flesh"*
- C. *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*
  - i. *The name of LORD [YHWH], is now the name of the Lord [Jesus].*
  - ii. *Joel 2:32—3:1 Joel's prophecy is about the restoration of the Kingdom to Israel and would happen when the Spirit of prophecy came upon all the remnant.*

## III. A New Reality Proclaimed (2:22-36)

- A. Death Discovered a New Reality (2:22-28)
- B. What you see means the Son of David has taken up His throne and reigns on high. (2:29-36)
  - i. How does *what they see* point to the ascension of Jesus to the highest place?
  - ii. **LXE Psalm 68:18** *Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, **thou hast received gifts for man, yea, for they were rebellious, that thou mightest dwell among them.***
  - iii. Psalm 110:1