

Context

- 1] Jesus, after rising from the dead, appeared to the disciples over 40 days (1:3)
- 2] He told them to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit (1:4)
- 3] He came upon them on the day of Pentecost festival (2:13)

Context

- 1] Before and after!
- 2] Jews – two ages – ‘the present (evil) age’ and the ‘age to come’ separated by the coming of Messiah. Christians believe this has happened with Jesus

The ‘introduction’ (14,15)-**(14) But**

I.e. in response to the accusation that their miraculous use of language was due to the fact that they were drunk

Peter, standing with the eleven, he lifted up his voice and addressed them:

I.e. with the authority of all the other Apostles, he spoke to the crowd

"Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem,

I.e. native Jews and visitors for the festival in Jerusalem

let this be known to you and give ear to my words.

I.e. he was making an announcement

14/ 22 Listen carefully to the Word of God

15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

Religious Jews, for festival only drank in evening when eating flesh (Ex 16:8,11)

The Spirit (16-21)

16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel

Acknowledge the OT as the Word of God

17-21 Prophecy - "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Nb 1) 'all flesh' = any age and gender

2) There will be signs the day of the Lord (the coming of Jesus) has arrived

3) everyone , whatever background, who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (from death / exclusion from God)

****GRACE Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved****

****JESUS This Jesus, who you crucified, God has made Him both Lord and Christ***

Jesus (22-26)

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words:

I.e. these are all Hebrews – the chosen people

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

Cf mighty works (2:11)

Cf Believe in me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the Works themselves (Jn 14:11)

23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men

Nb God was instrumental in Jesus' death (3:18; 4:28; 13:29)

cf elect ... according to the foreknowledge of God (Rmns 8:29)

nb Man was responsible (3:13ff; 4:10; 5:30)

Lawless men = men without the Law of God (High priest , Scribes and Pharisees)

****God was in complete control of the crucifixion of Jesus****

24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

**** God raised Jesus from the dead****

25 (Prophecy) - For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

Nb Jesus' resurrection foretold. Gives evidence for all the claims made about His life and death

****Note – 'Jesus' is the message****

God the Father (29-33)

29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

I.e. the great King David was not resurrected

30 Being therefore a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and

spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses

Nb the Apostles (and every Christian) are witnesses of the resurrection – etc, etc, etc!

The Lord gave a mighty sign (the resurrection?)

The Lord saves

33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

I.e. It is because Jesus is with the Father that the Father has given Him the Holy Spirit which you are witnessing

34 (The prophecy) For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool."

I.e. the Father exalted the Son

‘The summary’ (36)

36 Let all the house of Israel

I.e. all of God’s people

therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ,

i.e. Divine messiah

cf Lord (Romans 10:9; 1 Cor 12:3; Philippians 2:11)

... and Christ (Matthew 1:16; 16:16; John 1:41; 20:31).

Acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Christ

this Jesus whom you crucified.

Nb you – people just arriving in Jerusalem for the festival from all over the world

I.e. all mankind are responsible – you and me too.

Bear your responsibility for the death of Jesus

The response (36-41)

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Cf conviction of the Spirit (Jn 16:8)

38 And Peter said to them, "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.

I.e. repent and show it, trusting in Jesus alone for forgiveness, and you will receive the gift from the Lord of His Holy Spirit

GRACE Those who crucified Jesus are offered forgiveness of sin

Expect the gift of the Holy Spirit as you ask Him for forgiveness of your sin

39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Nb reminder that it will be 'all flesh' – gentiles too (Is 49:1,12; 57:19; Ps 67 cf Eph 2:13,17)

Cf Ask for the Holy Spirit and you will receive (Lk 11:13)

God calls people to Himself

40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."

Cf save (40,47) -from consequence of rejection of God

I.e. crooked generation = those that are rejecting Jesus (Lk 9:41; 11:30f,50f; 17:25)

Exhort people to save themselves from this crooked generation

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Nb 3? - Father Son & Holy Spirit x 1000?

Conclusion

1] the place of the OT prophecy - God foretold

a) the pouring out His Spirit on all flesh (17-21)

b) The resurrection of Jesus (25-28)

c) The exaltation of Jesus by the Father (34,35)

2] the involvement (23,36)

a) The Father's absolute control

b) All of mankind's total responsibility for his death

3] The gift of His Spirit for all who will believe and receive – will you?

MP Any person who receives Jesus, will be saved from eternal death

KV 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved' (21)