

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson we saw the dynamic in the upper room when the Holy Spirit filled the apostles. We have Peter there, explaining through the words of Joel as to why they need not be afraid. Peter is able to bring clarity to the current situation using only the Bible. Peter finds the treasure in an obscure place, but it has been there in the Bible all along. The Old Testament prophet Joel in Joel 2:28-32. This is prophecy, right here in Acts.

LAST DAYS

The passage is taken from Joel, speaking of the “end times”. Peter sees that this applies to Him, as it applies to us. How can we be in the “last days” for the last 2000 years? This shows us His imminence. It could happen at any second. Read **1 Corinthians 1:7, and Philippians 3:20**. We are to be eager, and expectant of His return. He tells us in the book of Revelation “I come quickly”. The question is are you ready? Next we read of the “pouring out” of His Spirit. It specifically says “on all flesh” in verse 17. It does not say on all people. The signs and wonders are mentioned here. Why? Well this is called a gap verse. One part is for now, and the next part is for later. It covers a vast time period. The arrival of the first part, gives us assurance for the second. All of these predictions are happening. Earthquakes, cosmic activity, tsunamis and every person in every social strata of life is affected. No money, power, connections, or genius will escape. No one will be mocking him, laughing at him or refusing others to know him. Right now there is all kinds of tough talk against God. Look at the foolishness. People would rather talk to rocks and inanimate objects than talk to Jesus. He’s not willing that ANY should perish.

CONSIDER

The next verses talk about our sons and daughters and His vision for them. To see a young man that is more interested in the Bible than video games. A young man or woman wholly given to worship or apologetics. To see young men & women that are more interested to be a missionary or a minister, serving the Lord rather than getting a guy or a girl and making a lot of money. All of these prophecies are a pre-cursor to what will be. This is part of what people will be saved from if they call out to the Lord. Moms, dads, is that what you want? How are you encouraging, steering, and discipling your children?

PRAY...

*Pour out your Spirit on us, start here and let it spread from Calvary Chapel in to all of Ontario County.

*For our country, and the lost of this world who use substances to cope when things get tough.

*And the power to live a Christian life, filled with the Love of Jesus.