

Joel 2:28-32 compared with Acts 2:1-39

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The Spirit's Ministry Planned Out (Joel 2:28-32)

1. The Days: "after this" (v. 28); "in those days" (v. 29); "last days" (Acts 2:17).
2. The Dissemination: "All flesh," "all mankind" (i.e. sons, daughters, old, young, male, and female: v.28-29). Num. 11:24-29.
3. The Deeds: "prophecy...dreams...visions" (v. 28). Num. 12:6.
4. The Demonstration: "wonders in the sky" (v. 30-31).
5. The Deliverance: "whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered" (v. 32).

The Spirit's Ministry Poured Out (Acts 2:1-39)

1. The Tongues of the Spirit (v. 1-13).
2. The Teaching of the Spirit (v. 14-21).
3. The Testimony of the Spirit (v. 22-36). The Spirit's focus is on Christ (John 15:26).
4. The Transmission of the Spirit (v. 37-39).

The Spirit's Message "Played Out"

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| 1. Acts 1:8 | 7. Acts 7:55-56 |
| 2. Acts 2:4 | 8. Acts 9:17-20 |
| 3. Acts 4:8 | 9. Acts 11:22-24 |
| 4. Acts 4:31 | 10. Acts 13:9-12 |
| 5. Acts 5:29-32 | 11. Acts 13:52-14:1 |
| 6. Acts 6:3 | 12. Acts 19:5-7 |

Two Primary Applications

1. We must be filled with the spirit (regenerated by the Spirit) to be saved (Titus 3:5; John 3:3, 5; Ezek. 36:26, 27). All flesh can be saved. God's salvation is extended to every nation or ethnic group, male and female.
2. We must be filled with the spirit (empowered by the Spirit) to proclaim Christ or witness effectively for Christ (Acts 1:8). When we pray for more of the Spirit it is not for our own personal benefit, it is for the good of other Christians (1 Cor. 12:7) and for the salvation of the lost.