

Joel 2:28-3:3 (and Acts 2) – The Promise of Pentecost
Sunday Evening – 30 December 2018
Sermon Outline

Introduction / Review

- Joel is a covenant _____
- Principle of Prophecy – Near and _____ Horizon Fulfillment (telescoping)
 - o Near Horizon – return to Jerusalem – rebuilding of the temple
 - o Far Horizon – Christ . . . Pentecost . . . Return

The Promise of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29) ~

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh (2:28)

- Pour Out = _____
- My Spirit
- Upon all flesh
 - o Covenant Community all filled with / indwelt / lead by the Holy Spirit
 - Sons and _____
 - Old and _____
 - Male and Female _____

New Era in Redemptive (Human) History – a Time of _____

- Life – Death – Resurrection – Ascension of Jesus (and his miracles)
- Pentecost – objective – audible and _____
 - o 50th day after Passover – the Feast of the Firstfruits
- The end of Old Covenant Era has arrived – the _____ Covenant Era has come
- Dr. Michael S. Horton – Not only does Christ give us the Holy Spirit; but it is the Holy Spirit who gives us / unites us to the risen and ascended Christ.

Signs of the Times ~

God has shown wonders in the heaven and on the earth in terms of manifesting both judgment and _____

What ‘signs’ occurred just a few weeks prior to Pentecost?

- The sun was _____ - from the 6th hour to the 9th hour of the day during the crucifixion of Jesus the Christ
- There was also a great _____

What ‘signs’ did people see and hear at Pentecost?

- A sound from _____ - like a mighty rushing wind
 - o From Heaven . . . where Christ is raised / ruling / reigning

- Fire – from heaven
 - o Fire often indicates the presence of the LORD – especially in his burning holiness, judgment, purity – but also in grace
 - o Fire at Mount Carmel when Elijah battled the prophets of _____
 - o Pillar of _____ guarded the rear flank of Israel while in the wilderness
 - o Isaiah 6:4 –
 - o Here it is not a devastating and consuming fire of judgment upon his people – but _____ of witness

The miracles of Jesus, his resurrection, his ascension and _____ ARE SIGNS!

- The new day has dawned . . .
- Pentecost is a fulfillment of the promises and prophecies of the last days – but it does not exhaust the promises and prophecies regarding the last day
 - o Mark 13:24 / Rev 6:12-17

And it shall come to pass that _____ who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved

- This Lord is Jesus – no other _____ is given by which one can be saved
- Those who call upon the name of the Lord are those whom the Lord _____ - this is meant to be a great comfort to God's people

The Judgment and Salvation of the LORD (3:1-3) ~

Joel turns from the promises to the people of God to the judgment of the enemies of the LORD and his Christ and his people

- This time it is not Israel, but the _____ of the world

The Lord will gather _____ the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat

- Jehoshaphat means – Yahweh has _____
- This is the antithesis of the pouring out of the Spirit – this is pouring out wrath / justice

On what charges will the nations be judged?

- Crimes against humanity / war crimes / Crimes against His _____
 - o Lack of _____ for God, his people, his word, his land . . .

Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~

What is unique about the giving of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant Era?

What are some signs and wonders recorded in Scripture manifesting God's judgment or salvation?

What comfort are Christians to draw from teachings about the judgment to come?