

Series: The Unstoppable Church

Title:

Text: Acts 2

Jesus said ...

(Matt 16:18) *upon this rock (Speaking of Himself)*

I will build my church;

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus Promised that His Church would be unstoppable.

FBC is Christ's UNSTOPPABLE Church:

It Was Birthed By Jesus Christ.

It Was Built By Jesus Christ.

It Was Bought by Jesus Christ.

It Will be Empowered by the Holy Ghost as we are filled with the Holy Ghost!

It Was Commissioned By Christ!

FBC of Jerusalem had a clear vision of it's Purpose

Our Vision is the Great Commission!

FBC of Jerusalem Knew its King Is Coming Soon!

This Church is UNSTOPPABLE!

Are you a part of Christ's UNSTOPPABLE Church?

It starts by having Jesus Christ as your savior.

You become a member of Christ's Unstoppable Church at Baptism. (Acts 2:41,48)

Many teach that the FBCJ was started on Pentecost - It was Not Birthed, but Empowered.

(Acts 1:8) It was commissioned.

(Acts 1:15-26) It had it's 1st Business Meeting.

They recognized they had a quorum.

They "*Cast Lots*" - Voted on Officers. 120.

In (Acts 2) We see the Fulfillment of the Promise spoken of by Christ in (Acts 1:4 & 8) "*And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.*"

(Luke 24:49) "*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endured with power from on high.*"

The promise of the Father was the impending outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church.

With the increased ministry of the Holy Ghost would come His power.

The principle set forth by our Lord was for the apostles to wait for the power of God through the Holy Spirit before attempting to fulfill the Great Commission.

It would seem that advice remains valid to this day.

I. Holy Spirit Filling: (Vs 1-13)

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Explain Pentecost.

Pentecost was one of the high holy feasts days prescribed in the Old Testament Law. (Lev 23) End of the spring 'holy season' for the Jewish faithful.

Because of the diaspora (dispersion), Jews were living all over the civilized world in a fashion similar to modern history.

Devout Jews from around the world would endeavor to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem at least once in their lifetime and more frequently as they had the means.

They tended to come during one of the two 'holy seasons' of the Jewish year.

Spring

(Feasts of Unleavened Bread, Passover, Pentecost).

Fall

(Feasts of Trumpets, Tabernacles, Day of Atonement).

There were large numbers of Jewish pilgrims around Jerusalem during these two holy seasons each year.

Estimates as high as 1 million visitors in a given season have been made.

1b "they were all with one accord in one place."

"One Accord" - Unity (Acts 1:13-14)

Unified in Prayer, Purpose, Prophecy (Word of God)
We too can be in Unity like this too, ON the WORD!

Notification of the Holy Spirit:

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

"It was a Sound"

"AS of a rushing mighty wind"

The sound was everywhere in the house.

The Holy Spirit sounded Like a Tornado or Cyclone:

(John 3:8) *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Manifestation of the Holy Spirit:

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

"Appeared" - Visual

Illus: 120 Human Candles.

"Tongues" - Language

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

"they were all filled with the Holy Ghost"

Numerous instances of the Filling of the Holy Ghost.
Ongoing Ministry of the Holy Ghost.
Related to Prayer, Submission, Purity

“*Speak/Utterance*”-Vocalization of known languages.
Only 3 instances of Tongues in the Book of Acts.
(Acts 2:4) Pentecost
(Acts 10:46) Cornelius
(Acts 19:6) Jews who only knew of John the Baptist.

(1 Cor 14:21-22) Quoting (Isaiah 28:11)
*21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues
and other lips will I speak unto **this people**
(Israel); and yet for all that will they not hear
me, saith the Lord.*
*22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that
believe, but to them that believe not: but
prophesying serveth not for them that believe
not, but for them which believe.*

All three instances of Speaking in Tongues were done
as a sign to the unbelieving JEWS!
It was never a sign to the Gentile or to the Church of
God.
“*but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not,
but for them which believe.*”

Some churches teach that speaking in Tongues is a
sign of great Spirituality.

The Bible Says, Great Spirituality is found in
controlling the 1 Tongue you do have!
(James 3:2) *For in many things we offend all. If any
man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man,
and able also to bridle the whole body*

***5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout
men, out of every nation under heaven.***
Pentecost is the End of the spring ‘holy season’.
Jerusalem was full of Jewish Pilgrims from everywhere

***6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude
came together, and were confounded, because that
every man heard them speak in his own language.***
These were known languages.
These Jews, b/c of the Diaspora (Babylonians) were
by necessity Multi Lingual.
Hebrew - Mother Tongue.
Greek - Common Language (Alexander the Great).
Latin - Official Language of the Roman Empire.

“*own language*”
Local Dialect/language where they lived.

Today's display of Tongues is a crude, counterfeit used
for self-edification.
*Illus: If ONLY we could only have Pentecost again!
That's like saying:
Oh If we could have Bethlehem or Calvary again!
Never will be another Bethlehem, Calvary, Pentecost*

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

The Unbelieving Jews recognized they were not Educated, World Travelers.

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Local Dialect/language where they lived.

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

(15 regions/or languages represented)

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

There it is, The SIGN to the Unbelieving Jews!

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. There will always be Scoffers. (2 Pet 3:3-7) Willingly Ignorant of the Creation, the Flood, & the Coming Judgement of God.

Jesus never convinced everyone.

Neither will you! (Rich Man & Lazarus) (Luke 16:30-31) *And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

Holy Spirit Filling to

II. Holy Spirit Preaching: (Vs 14-36)

The Book of Acts is not just a History Book.

The Book of Acts is our Procedure Manual.

We find our Method, Message, Mission, Ministry.

Our Methods: Holy Spirit Filled Preaching

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; (Joel 2:28-32) Peter Uses a Text and Preaches!

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon 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 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

“Last Days” (Matt 24:27-31) Began @ Resurrection

God’s Prophetic Time Clock is Set on Pause until the Rapture! (1 This 4 & 1 Cor 15)

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Yet Future Events:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

(Rev 6:12) *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;* (Rev 8:7-12)

Holy Spirit Preaching is God’s chosen Method to communicate His Message:

(1 Cor 1:21) *it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

Our Message: *Jesus Christ & the Gospel*

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

600 year old Gospel Message!

(Rom 1:16) *The Gospel Saves! Jesus is the Messiah: We See Manner of Jesus’s Life*

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: (John 5:36) the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me.

We See the Meaning of Jesus’ Death

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

“determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God”

This was God’s Plan, not a sad Coincidence!

We See the Miracle of Jesus Resurrection:

Peter makes 4 references to it.

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 1st (1st Reference)

OT Prophecy: Quotes (Ps 16:8-11) (2nd Reference)

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

*27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell,
neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see
corruption.*

*28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life;
thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.*

3rd Reference

*29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you
of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and
buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.*

We see the Magnificence of Jesus Reign

*30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God
had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of
his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up
Christ to sit on his throne; (2 Sam 7:12)*

*31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of
Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his
flesh did see corruption.*

4th Reference of the Resurrection:

*32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all
are witnesses. (Acts 1:8)*

*33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted,
and having received of the Father the promise of the
Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now
see and hear. (Joel 2:28-29)*

*34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but
he saith himself, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit
thou on my right hand,*

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool."

Peter quotes (Ps 110:1) an accepted Messianic
prophecy.

Our Methods: Preaching

Our Message: Gospel of Jesus Christ

*36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know
assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus,
whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*

The Coup De Grace: You Crucified Him!

III. Holy Spirit Baptism: (Vs 37-40)

*37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in
their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the
apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

Convicted By the Holy Spirit

"pricked in their heart" - Holy Spirit Conviction!

They were willing to do God's will at that moment.

Converted to the Lord:

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be

Confession of the Lord:

*baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus
Christ for the remission of sins,*

Control of the Lord:

and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

This verse is used by some to teach that Baptism is part of Salvation.
Baptism has NO part of Salvation.

It is the Blood that cleaned us from sin, not water.

(Heb 9:22)

Rev 1:5)

(1 Jn 1:7) *the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Salvation is NOT getting Man out of the earth & into heaven.

Salvation is getting God out of heaven into man.

“FOR” = “BECAUSE”

Baptism is like a Wedding Ring.

I don't take it off when I travel out of town.

It is a Symbol.

Wearing it doesn't make me married.

Wearing it Signifies I am Married & Belong to Sara.

(Jn 3:16) *“because God so loved the world”*

NOT In ORDER that God WOULD so love the world.

“Remission” = Removal of the Offense & Guilt of it.

Repent, Believe, Receive!

“Gift of the Holy Ghost”

What are the Gifts of the Holy Ghost?

Indwelling: (1 Cor 3:16)

Sealing: (Eph 1:13)

Baptism: (Luke 3:16)

Illumination: (Eph 1:17-18)

Comfort: (2 Cor 1:4)

(1 Cor 12:7-11)

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The Promise is still Open to you Today!

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Peter's Preaching was to bring them to a Decision.

The star call is an opportunity to make a decision.

IV. Holy Spirit Ministry: (Vs 41-47)

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

“gladly received his word”

Salvation Always Precedes Water Baptism

“added unto them” Added to What?

You cannot Add to what is not there!

(Acts 9:26) *And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.*

We find our Method, Message, Mission, & now ...

Our Ministry: Indoctrination

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine

Discipleship! (Matt 28:20) *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:*

Jesus did not Call us to make Decisions, but Disciples
“Continue” If a person does not Continue.

It's not a loss of Salvation, but evidence they never had it.

Salvation is not a look back at a Crisis moment.
Salvation is a PRESENT EXPERIENCE! (Jn3:36)

Adoration:

and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Adoration:

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

Not the Basis of Communism:

Church Controlled, not State Controlled.

Participation:

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Propagation:

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.