

HOW MUCH WINE HAVE YOU HAD?

INTRODUCTION

In Acts 2 the people were reminded that story of Sinai was still alive – God’s Spirit continues to move and we are to live on HIS MISSION.

DISCUSSION

Does the idea that we are an Arav Rav excite or discourage you?

EXPLANATION

If you were a first century Jew and you saw what was taking place with the first followers of Jesus, what would you be thinking?

Would you want to be part of the movement?

How can the church, today, speak into the heritage and history that America holds to in order to explain God’s working?

APPLICATION

Do you believe you have God’s fire?

What does it burn like?

Have you experienced God’s wind?

Has your life with Christ become routine?

If so, how can that be remedied?

MISSION

How should this inclusion (Arav Rav) of a mixed multitude (or all sorts of other people) in the Exodus, compel us to be inclusive to non-believers in our church? In our Gospel Communities? In our daily lives?

What does it mean in a practical sense to be empowered by God’s Spirit to be His representative to the world around you? What does that look like for you specifically? What areas do you need to step out in?

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Ephesians 5:18

Acts 2:1-13

Exodus 12:2-3

Exodus 14:30

Exodus 15:2

Exodus 19:1-2

Exodus 19:16, 18

Matthew 26

Matthew 28

1 Corinthians 15:20

WEEK 3 NOTES & SCRIPTURE VERSES

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Ephesians 5:18 “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”

Several specific works of the Holy Spirit linked with the believer's experience are identified throughout the Scriptures. We are told that the Spirit baptizes, fills, seals, and indwells Christians. We are also told that the Holy Spirit gives “gifts” to believers.

1. Baptism. This is the Spirit's work of uniting all believers with the living body of Christ (1 Co 12:13).
2. Filling. This descriptive word portrays the believer in full harmony with the Spirit, vitalized by the divine power.
3. Sealing. This term is linked with several different important meanings of the Spirit's presence, but particularly with the fact that his presence is a guarantee of God's ownership of and commitment to believers.
4. Indwelling. This refers to the Spirit's permanent presence within the personality of the believer. He has come to be with us and lives within us, forever.
5. Gifts. This word represents the working of the Holy Spirit through believers, especially in the ministry of believers to one another in the body of Christ. Scripture emphasizes that each believer is gifted and thus is spiritually significant.

These terms are given different shades of meaning in different theological traditions. Our theological definitions should always be checked against the use of a term in the Bible itself; this will help guard against reading into passages a meaning not present in the text.

In Acts 2:1-13 when the Holy Spirit arrives there are three questions that are asked:

- ***What does this mean?***
- ***How is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?***
- ***Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?***

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Pentecost: God brings his people out of slavery and bondage in Egypt, but it wasn't just His people, a whole group followed them into freedom as well; an Arav Rav. 50 days after the defining act of liberation God gives them an identity at Sinai “*You are my people and you are to show the world what my saving love looks like.*”

In Acts 2 you see the same God shows up again with fire and voices enabling His people to speak of the wonders of who He is to a people who are from everywhere in the world

ARE NOT ALL THESE MEN WHO ARE SPEAKING GALILEANS?

In Acts 2 ordinary people are called to share the life of God with the world around them; they are God's representatives and people are to know who God is by how these people live. God believes these normal people are more than just spectators, or consumers, because they are empowered by God's Spirit. These people are an Arav Rav and they are empowered to share Jesus' saving life with all the world.

HOW IS IT THAT EACH OF US HEARS THEM IN HIS OWN NATIVE LANGUAGE?

Church = bewilderment, Amazed (yet perplexed). It is Chaos/Order - the Spirit does some things that are perplexing, bringing bewilderment...but that always results in a type of order (*each of us hears them in his own native language?*)

The Spirit will not be placed in a box by how we think he must act, what we think he must do...but God will place Him in you to give you His life and lead you into all truth. Church is a people caught up in the Spirit of God, empowered, captivated, amazed, perplexed, and bewildered.

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