

Pentecost part 2. Acts 2:14-41

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Hey, guys. Thanks so much for listening to today's teaching from The Grove at Champion Forest. We pray this message helps you grow in your love for God and His Word.

Okay, as we begin, this is Pentecost, Part 2. Last week, we started the Day of Pentecost, Part 1. We looked at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, tons of fulfillment, and what it means that, as a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit. It is not reserved for the top-tier, mature believers. It is not, "You've only read four times a week, so you get less of the Holy Spirit." No, if you are a Christian in the room, you have the Holy Spirit living inside of you.

It's certainly not just a moment in history. No, the Holy Spirit lives in each and every one of us Christians.

We showed this picture, and I think it's really helpful and important for us to remember just where we are as we look at Acts chapter 2, but also where we are today in our lives. If you thought about the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, there are four major themes or movements throughout Scripture, if you would. Because the Bible has one capital-A Author, God Almighty, it's a story all moving forward to the end: restoration.

We talked about it last week. I'm going to do yellow this week. I think that'd be more fun for me. Okay, so we talked about right here. Everything this way is the Old Testament. This is God creating the world, creating man and woman. Everything was good. Sin came in and separated everything. The enemy sought a way to disrupt God's plan and intention. This is the Old Testament - red, actually.

From the moment of sin, God looks forward to redemption and restoration. He pronounced it right there in the garden. Everything since then has been working toward redemption and restoration. What we hold 2,000 years later, the completed 66 books of Scripture, tells us what happened from creation to restoration, or what is coming in restoration, and that is this: in Jesus, we have redemption from our sins.

If you're in the context, the audience of Acts chapter 2, you are living right here. You are in the shadow of the cross, literally 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus. You are listening to a teaching. You are witnessing the outpouring of the Spirit right on the heels of redemption.

Why this is so important is for us to understand the context, because it colors in what we do with this today. Every Christian needs the Holy Spirit to accomplish the redeeming work of God in our lives and in the world. We go forth into the world proclaiming redemption in His power as we eagerly await restoration.

Acts chapter 2 is on the heels of the cross and the resurrection, and everything is moving toward the final restoration of God's plan in the earth.

As a reminder, the theme of Acts for us, with this week and next week being our last time studying this book for the time being, is something I've seen as I've prayed through it and read it. This is just the theme I see in the Scriptures. I mean, it's one. It's not exhaustive, but this is what I see in the book of Acts: the Christian life, calling yourself a Christian, is more than an association with a religion. No, the Christian life is the life of Jesus Christ continued in you, through you, by the power of the Holy Spirit. That's what we're seeing in the book of Acts.

Tonight, we're looking at Pentecost, Part 2. It is Peter's sermon. So I'm preaching someone else's sermon tonight, which I'm excited about.

Here is Peter's outline. I want to give it to you because we're going to walk through each section. From verses 14 through 21, Peter interprets and explains the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We'll jump into the context here in just a minute, but this is the flow of his teaching, of his sermon that we have recorded.

From there, he presents Jesus Christ as the divine Messiah, God in the flesh, who has come to redeem us from our sin, the Man, the Holy One who fulfills all of the Old Testament prophecy. Jesus is the Messiah.

Then Peter calls them to repentance, urges them to baptism, and promises the gift of the Spirit. Three thousand are added that day to the church. This is what Peter is doing. This is what we're going to look at. Here it is from the 30,000-foot view.

So here we go, starting from where we were. This is what's happening. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit comes and fills the church. They begin speaking in other known languages that they had never spoken before. It is a speaking-and-hearing-gift miracle that happens.

What are they doing? We talked about this a lot last week, so I'm not teaching it. I'm reminding you of it for the context. They began telling, in their own tongues, the mighty works of God. They were preaching in the languages that surrounded them. There were, I think, 13 to 15 different nationalities, backgrounds, and languages.

Again, if we had 13 to 15 different languages represented in here and we began speaking in those languages, telling you about God's love in Christ Jesus, that's what's happening.

People are bewildered. They're amazed. They're saying, "What does this mean?" Peter's sermon is going to answer this question: What does this mean? What is happening? That's what we're looking at today.

Some people go, "Oh, they're filled with new wine. That's the explanation." Remember, people are either going to receive or reject God's work in your life through the Holy Spirit. They're going to receive or reject the message of the gospel through the Holy Spirit.

Peter responds, and he stands up with the eleven apostles. Remember, there are 120 people present - men, women, young, and old. He lifts up his voice and addresses the crowd, the onlookers, and says:

Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose.

— Acts 2:14-15

It's only the third hour of the day, 9:00 a.m. They're not drunk. That's crazy. No, here's actually what is going on:

This is what was uttered through the prophet Joel.

— Acts 2:16

God Is Fulfilling His Word

Before we get there, because we're looking at Peter's sermon, what we're going to do tonight, instead of making points, is make observations. What is Peter saying to the crowd? What is he saying to us today?

This Pentecost, what you're hearing and seeing, is actually prophetic. This is something God has foretold and promised to bring into fulfillment.

Observation number one: God is fulfilling His Word.

In this moment, on the Day of Pentecost, and today in 2026, God is fulfilling His Word. They're witnessing it. They're hearing it. They're speaking it. We today are witnessing God fulfill His Word. Everything He's ever spoken and preserved in the Scriptures, He is fulfilling. Some of it He already has. Some of it He will. But none of it will be left out. He will fulfill everything He has said.

We continue forward. This is what Joel said:

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.

— Acts 2:17

We'll come back to "the last days" in a second. Who declared it? This is not Joel's idea. No, this is not Joel's opinion. Work with me. Whose idea? Who is teaching this? God, by the Holy Spirit, through Joel.

God says, "I."

Okay, we looked at it last week. The Holy Spirit came from heaven. God poured out the Holy Spirit, capital S, on all flesh. All flesh. We'll talk about this in just a second, but again, He's not reserved just for American Christians. The Holy Spirit is for all who call on the name of the Lord.

Then He says:

*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on My male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out My Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.*

— Acts 2:17-18

I think we get this "woo" feeling about the word prophecy because we think, "Ooh, rub the Magic 8 Ball. Tell

me what's going to happen."

That sometimes is true in the biblical context of prophecy. It is a foretelling. God speaks through people and says, "This is what's coming." Remember, Jeremiah is leading them into exile, and he goes, "Hey, in 70 years, I'm going to restore you. I have plans for you. I have a hope and a future. You will not be put to shame, but for 70 years you will be in Babylon."

So there is foretelling: this is what's going to happen.

But there's also forth-telling. This is God's current message to the world, to the church, through His Word. Prophecy here is telling about the mighty works of God.

Think about it 2,000 years later. Prophecy is teaching God's Word. Revelation says that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy, meaning when you teach the gospel, it's prophetic. What does that mean? It's the message from God for His people. It's alive. It's active.

He's saying, "People are going to preach My Word." Yes, there will be moments when they tell about what is forthcoming, but they will return to the truth. They will teach My Word in power and in accuracy. That is what's going to happen in these last days.

Notice here, He says, "Even on My male and female servants." There is no separation between people's status, income, or where they live. God has no bias toward that. He's not partial to a certain group of people. He's saying all people - young, old, man, woman, free, slave - all people will get My Spirit. The gospel is for all people.

Shame on me and you if we look at someone and go, "Nope. No chance. Not saving them." I've had people in my life when God knew that was my heart, and He saved them. And, okay, Lord, You can save anyone. All flesh, all people, receiving the Holy Spirit.

Joel continues:

*And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes,
the great and magnificent day.*

— Acts 2:19-20

It's really important for us to understand, again, the context of this. Some of this prophecy is not yet fulfilled. This is talking about the capital-D Day of the Lord, His return and His judgment.

You can go read the book of Revelation. I highly encourage you. Revelation, by the way, has no S on the end. Revelation. It's going to tell you about all these cosmic events that are going to happen and be visible when Christ returns.

He's saying that on that day, at the second Advent, the second coming of Christ, it will be so clear to you: He's coming. There will be undeniable cosmic signs in the sky.

But Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is also saying, "Hey, that Spirit? He's here. The reason we're preaching the gospel? He's here. The reason you're seeing these signs and wonders and people are getting saved? The Spirit is here in the church."

God says:

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

— Acts 2:21

Everyone. Let's say that word, "everyone." One, two, three: everyone.

If Peter had stopped there, great job. You accurately interpreted an Old Testament prophecy. You preached. You said, "Hey, there's wrath coming. You can be saved." Great job, right? He could have stopped that message and been like, "Man, you told them that there's a God who loves them."

Peter doesn't stop that message because Peter remembers, "Hey, we are right here." Redemption only happened because Jesus Christ came to the earth and was nailed to a cross for our sins. Three days later, He rose again, bringing forgiveness. So this sermon is incomplete without the notice of Jesus.

Think about that today. When you tell them, "Hey, God loves you" - we'll talk about this later - how do you know God loves me? Jesus. Gospel sharing is through Jesus. Peter doesn't just stop here.

Remember the context of his teaching. The first part of this is about interpreting and explaining the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is what God had promised. This is what you are seeing today.

Now, I said I'd mention "last days." What I want you to think about is the final stage of a process. Again, look at this one more time. Creation, fall, redemption, restoration. If we are right here and we're moving forward, it makes sense. This is the last stage of the process. We're already there, but not yet.

So He's saying, "Hey, in these last days, it shall be that I will pour out My Spirit. I will come live in you and dwell in you. Sons and daughters shall prophesy. Young men shall see visions and dream dreams. On My male and female servants, I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy."

There is no coincidence with the Lord.

Maria, who was playing keys for us earlier, is married to Ethan, who leads worship up here. He's the one who was with Aaron for part of that new song, "Is Anyone Like You?" So stinking good. Have y'all been listening to that? So good.

Ethan is on mission right now in Nepal. He's working with three others in Nepal on a mission trip right now. Maria was telling Dris and me, and I was like, "Wait a minute. Repeat that."

Ethan met these two church leaders. It's a girl and her uncle. I don't know how long ago it happened, but Ethan was told by this girl that before she knew Christ, she had people in her life praying for her to come to

know Christ. Never discount the power of your prayers.

Here's why. She got sick and had cancer in her blood. Not good. This girl did not know Christ. She had a dream that night and saw Jesus in her dream. He said, "You will be healed from this."

The next day, she woke up with no cancer, fully and totally healed. She talked to people. She talked to family. She talked to friends, and she was like, "Unpack this. Help me understand." They're like, "That's Jesus." They walked her through the gospel, and she gave her life to the Lord. She and her uncle started a church. It's thriving in Nepal.

In these last days, God is doing miraculous work. He still is at work in the earth. That should stretch you, and that should challenge you.

One more picture to help you understand it. Again, we looked at it a few weeks ago. The gospel of Jesus: the incarnation. He comes to the earth in the form of a baby. He's on earth for 33 years. He dies on a cross. He's crucified. He's buried. Then He ascends in Acts 1:9. He goes back into heaven.

When He goes to heaven, He sends the Spirit. The Spirit lights the flame of the church. The church of Jesus is born. The church is the witness to the world that Christ is exalted and glorified. This is where we are right now, and the Spirit is mediating this work through us because Christ is returning, and He wants to prepare people for His return.

This is where we are. This is why it's so important.

"Last days? It's been 2,000 years." It does not matter. A thousand years is like a day to the Lord. We should live with this fervent urgency that it could happen at any moment because we are in the window of time when the Holy Spirit is here and we're witnessing to the world.

"What's the purpose of my life? What am I supposed to do?" Witness to the world that Christ is exalted and glorified by the Holy Spirit.

Okay, moving forward:

*And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.*

— Acts 2:19

Again, read through Revelation. You can see this. All of these things are going to happen:

*Before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone
who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

— Acts 2:20-21

Observation: God is coming to judge, and Jesus is the only way to escape His wrath.

I think that may bother some of us, to think that God has wrath. He's angry. Why? How could a good God do

angry things? How could a loving God make people suffer?

Okay, well, maybe that's a fantastic question if it leads in the right direction. Think about a loving God taking on our suffering. Jesus bore more than we could ever experience. How is that just? It's not. At the cross, we see the justice, love, and mercy of God displayed, but we also see His wrath toward sin.

This text tells us that, with a coming judgment, cosmic signs, and wrath poured out, Jesus is the only way to escape the wrath of God.

First Thessalonians 1:10 says:

And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

— 1 Thessalonians 1:10

We are waiting for His Son from heaven, the return of Jesus, whom He raised from the dead, the resurrection of Christ. Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come.

There are people in your life who may have no idea that there is wrath coming, and Christ is the only way to escape the wrath of God. He has done for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Jesus Christ, the Divine Messiah

I was spending some time this week looking at what we're about to see in a minute, but I want to show you this first.

There's a woman - you know, if you do dumb stuff, you win dumb prizes. This woman, this year, I believe, was in India, and she met a local jeweler. She's looking at this thing, and she's like, "Wow, that's beautiful. How much is it?"

He's like, "It's worth \$700,000."

She's like, "I've got to have it. All my friends back home are going to think this is amazing. You can only get it in India."

Well, she gets it authenticated and certified and checks it out. It turns out it's worth four dollars. The guy was a con artist, okay? But he attested to it: "Hey, this thing's real. This is real. This is real." She's like, "Okay, here's all the money I have."

If you're spending that much money on jewelry, that just ain't right. If you need a place to send money, talk to me after this.

It turns out it was worth four dollars. But this person was attesting, "Hey, this is the real deal. This is it. This will bring the value, purpose, and look to your life that you need." He attested.

Now, I was thinking about something I've attested to. This is me five years ago doing the greatest lunge of my life. When I opened up the ring box, she grabbed that ring so fast.

My wife is right back here, Mary. Mary Lou, stand up. Wave. There she is. Okay, God's grace on my life.

Here's what I want you to understand. I attested my love to Mary. I put it on display. I demonstrated it. I proved with certainty, "I love her." It started with our engagement, but it didn't just stay there because there's more love to experience. There's more proof for me to give. There's more demonstration. I want to put forth certain proof to her and the whole world that I love her.

So we got married. Beautiful. December 29, 2022. Y'all are so affirming. I'm just going to put pictures up here more often.

I'm attesting to her before God and man, "I love you, and I'm vowing my life to you." My wedding ring is an attestation. When you see me walk in here with her, I'm not up for grabs. She's not up for grabs. We are one flesh. It's an attestation to it.

Then we had a desire to have a family. We want to grow. We want to grow the Kilgoes. We want a family. It's a desire in our hearts.

So we had a baby two and a half years ago, Lily Grace Kilgo, sour and sweet. This is an attestation to it. If I want you to know I'm a dad, this picture doesn't prove it. You don't know I'm a dad here. I can tell you, "I'm a dad," and you'd be like, "Okay, but I haven't seen it."

But then I go, "Hey, I'm a dad," and now you go, "Oh, I can see it."

I want you to keep this concept in your mind: showing, demonstrating, and proving with certainty.

Peter moves from explaining what they're seeing and what's happening to preaching Christ. He says:

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know.

— Acts 2:22

Jesus is a historical figure, a Man attested to you by God with mighty works, wonders, and signs that God did through Him in your midst. You've seen Him. You've heard Him. You yourselves know this.

Now think about this. I just attested to you that we're married. My wedding ring does. When we walk in public, it does. Pictures do. My daughter does. I have proven to you that I love her, right?

What God is saying through this text is that He has demonstrated with perfect and certain proof that He loves you. He wants you. He's pursuing you. He will forgive you. He is with you. He is for you. It's to show, to demonstrate, to prove, to exhibit. It's certain proof. It's a guarantee.

Here's the big picture: God proved and certified His love for us in and through Jesus Christ.

Just as my wedding ring shows that I love my wife and we're together, when God sent Jesus to the earth, He proved, certified, and demonstrated His love for us. It's not a fraud. That woman got conned. If you put your faith and trust in Christ, you do not and will not get conned. It's the real deal.

Just as we are really married, Christ is really Lord. God really loves you.

"Can He really forgive me? I think I've done some horrible things."

Yes, He can really forgive you. Why? Because He has displayed with certainty that He loves you and that He's for you.

This Jesus of Nazareth, this Man of humble beginnings, God has proven to you with mighty works and wonders that He did in your midst. You've seen them. You've known them.

This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

— Acts 2:23

Now look at the gospel here: the definite plan and foreknowledge of God.

Do you know what that means for you and me today? In eternity past, God decided, "I'm giving My Son," delivered up, offered up, for your forgiveness.

If you wrestle with whether or not God loves you, yes, He does.

"How do I know? Can I be certain? I kind of have some doubts."

You know, your doubts are okay. Doubts are not bad. Doubts should lead to questions. They should lead to curiosity, to investigation, to openness, to pursuit. They should lead you to the person and work of Jesus Christ.

You can know for certain that God loves you. You really can. You can walk this earth with confidence. Will you be 101 percent all the time? No. We're human. We're fallen. But we can go back to what we know is true: the definite plan and foreknowledge of God from eternity past was Christ Jesus for our sins.

There was no other way. There was no other option. Plan A the whole time was Calvary, and right behind Calvary was an empty tomb.

But look at this: "You crucified and killed Him."

Peter is looking at these men. Now remember, a few weeks ago, Peter was so cowardly that he denied Christ three times to a little girl. "No, I don't know Him. No, I don't know Him." The rooster crows. He looks at Jesus, runs away and weeps, and goes back to fishing.

But when the Holy Spirit comes and fills Peter, he's a man of faith.

You could have done so much in your life, spoken against God, spoken against His church, all of these things. You could be a coward, but when the Holy Spirit fills you, you can be a man or woman of faith.

Peter, who just denied Jesus two months ago, goes, "You crucified Him. His blood is on your hands."

What does that mean? We are all guilty. Our sin put Christ on the cross. Our lawlessness put Him on the cross.

But listen:

God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

— Acts 2:24

We go back to the good news of the resurrection. Jesus could not stay dead. It was not going to happen. Impossible.

In the Greek, "loosing the pangs of death" actually refers to the pain of childbirth, that God loosed the pains of childbirth for Christ. What this could mean for us is that the tomb of Jesus Christ was the womb of resurrection.

He was not going to stay there forever. A baby does not stay in its mom's womb forever. No, new life comes forth, and it is agonizing. It is painful, so I'm told. But it leads to extraordinary new life.

Christ on the cross took the agonizing pains of our sin, but from there, life was coming. God raised Him up, and death has no hold on Him.

Let me just ask you a question for you to chew on. If death has no hold on our God, and He holds you, what is against you? What could stop you? What could possibly overcome you if our God, who has defeated death, holds you?

What's too big for you? What's too much?

I'm recognizing the reality of this. I deal with it in my own life. How much can anxiety hold you down if God has raised Jesus up and He holds you? If you've been seated with Christ in glory by the Spirit, what can this world do to you?

Nothing. Our resurrected God holds us. It was not possible for Him to be held by death.

Observation: In eternity past, God decided to demonstrate His love for us in the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

I think about Romans 5:8:

But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

— Romans 5:8

God demonstrated, He put on display, His love for us. How? While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us. It was always the plan.

Think about the suffering, pain, and humility that took place. Only love motivates that.

Now look back here again:

It was not possible for Him to be held by it.

— Acts 2:24

Observation: Death couldn't hold Jesus down. Death won't hold you down. After death, Christian, comes life everlasting. Death will not hold us down.

It's an encouraging reality for us. Peter is saying, "Hey, this Jesus we're preaching, He is the One who raises us up to life. He is the One in whom God put all of His love for us and showed us clearly how much He loves us."

Now he continues, and what he's about to do is take this statement and talk about how it was impossible for Jesus to stay dead. It just was not going to happen. No chance. He's going to say why through the Scriptures.

Three times here, Peter uses the Old Testament. This is number one, Psalm 16, verses 8 through 11. He goes back, and again, he's talking to Jewish people. David was an icon to them.

He says, "David says concerning Him." Who's Him? Jesus.

*I saw the Lord always before me,
for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For You will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let Your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.*

- Acts 2:25-28; Psalm 16:8-11

David prophetically is speaking dialogue between the Son and the Father. Jesus is saying, "Father, I know what's coming, but You will not abandon My soul to Hades. You will not let Me see corruption. You've made known to Me the paths of life. You will make Me full of gladness with Your presence."

Hebrews 12 talks about how Jesus endured the cross with joy. Why? Because He knew life was on the other side of it. He knew that full gladness with God's presence was coming next.

Your sufferings and your trials might be huge. I would never discount them. But what I do know is that through suffering, paths of life come next. God does something in us.

He doesn't break us because He's God. That's not what God's doing. That's not His heart. But what if God, through suffering, could just move some clutter out of your life, some false views out of your life, some idols out of your heart, and then you'd see that the path of life is Christ?

We just sang it: "For the joy set before me, we'll take pilgrimage with You, Jesus." My heart is set on traveling to You, Jesus. You are life. Gladness and joy forevermore are in Your presence.

Then Peter explains it, and it's wonderful. He just preaches through it:

Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

— Acts 2:29

He's saying, "Brothers, I have so much confidence about this. David's dead. Our hope is not in David. No, David is asleep, and his tomb is right over there with us today."

Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

— Acts 2:30-31

David was a prophet. He spoke on behalf of God, and he knew that God had sworn an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne.

You can go read 2 Samuel 7 and Psalm 132 to get this context. God promised David, "One of your descendants will rule forever."

Every one of David's kids died, but spiritually, through the lineage of David, Christ Jesus is raised forever, and He is seated on a throne.

David foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

— Acts 2:32

Again, we're not holding on to silly hopes. We're holding on to eyewitness, Holy Spirit-empowered and preserved accounts of truth. David saw long before, by God through the Spirit, that Christ Jesus would be raised back to life.

Not just raised back to life, but no, no:

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

— Acts 2:33

Because He's raised, He's exalted. Where? At the right hand of God, the place of power.

He received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit. He has poured out this thing that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. Christ Jesus is resurrected. He's enthroned in the highest of heavens in His rightful place, and He poured out the Holy Spirit.

I love water parks. I love them. I can't get enough of them. I was the kid whose grandma would paint him white with sunscreen. I would get in the water, and there would just be a cloudy, milky trail of sunscreen behind me. I loved it. I was there all day.

But my favorite thing was the kiddie area because the water is so cold, and you've got that ginormous bucket.

You can watch it. Now, as a parent, all the kids are just screaming, waiting for it. It's like, "Whoa."

But you would sit there and wait for the bucket. You could see it getting ready. It would kind of rock, and then, whoosh, it would pour out. I loved it because it was this overwhelming outpouring of water.

This is what he's saying: there's this overwhelming pouring out of God's love for you by the Holy Spirit. He's poured out His truth. He's poured out His power. He's poured out His presence.

Unlike a water park that has to fill back up, it never ends. It is a constant, eternal outpouring of God's love for you. That's what's happening in and through Jesus.

Observation: Jesus is ruling and reigning from heaven right now. He's the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is Alpha and Omega. He's the Conqueror. He is the Exalted One. Right now, from heaven, He's ruling and reigning. Through His Spirit, He is active in this world.

The president rules from Washington. Chefs cook in a kitchen. Students learn in school. The Cowboys are better than the Texans. Dogs bark. Cats meow.

I just wanted to slip that in there to see if y'all were listening. Only team in Texas with a dub. Y'all don't like truth.

But listen, these are just statements. The president will live in Washington. Teachers will teach in a classroom. Students will learn at a school. Chefs cook in a kitchen. Christ reigns in heaven.

It's a simple fact. That is where Jesus is right now.

When we sing to Him, we're singing to the High King of heaven. When we pray to Him, we're praying to the High King of heaven. When we seek Him, we're seeking the High King of heaven. When we share His name, we're sharing the name of the High King of heaven.

That is who we are engaging with and speaking to and worshiping.

So when you come in here and you're just like this, you're like this in front of the High King of heaven. When you get excited about what you're going to eat or who's winning a game and you're happy, but you're here and you're like this, you're deflated in front of the High King of heaven.

It should challenge you. It's not the room. We're not involved in this. There's an eternal audience with the High King of heaven, enjoying us and delighting in us. We praise the High King who is exalted in heaven, who rules and reigns from His throne.

Again, Peter's like, "Guys, eyes off of David."

For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

*The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand."*

- Acts 2:34; Psalm 110:1

This is so important. There are multiple faiths that deny the deity of Jesus, and that's okay. I could say, "Jesus is God," and you could be like, "I deny you." But if God says Jesus is God, that matters.

This is what's happening. The Father tells the Son - God tells God - "Sit at My right hand." Father and Son, eternal. "Lord" means Yahweh. This is the Greek translation, but it means Yahweh from the Hebrew. Yahweh says to my Yahweh, my Lord, "Sit at My right hand."

Listen, Jesus is God. He's fully God and fully man. God the Father has established that truth.

I and the Father are one.

— John 10:30

"I am in My Father." In Genesis 1, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Trinity is the bedrock of the Christian faith. God is the Father. God is the Son. God is the Holy Spirit. They are one being, three distinct persons.

That's what he's saying here. The Father and the Son are having a holy, heavenly conversation.

It's almost like - and not to simplify it too much - Jesus is resurrected and ascended, and He just taps the Holy Spirit in. "You're next. Go get them." He sends Him down, and they've all been involved in this eternal plan together.

The Trinity is wildly important. The Father validated the Son. The Father validated the Spirit, and so on, all together.

Now, David did not ascend into the heavens, but he said:

*The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
until I make Your enemies Your footstool."*

- Acts 2:34-35; Psalm 110:1

Jesus is exalted. Heaven knows it, and so does hell. He's sitting at the right hand of the throne, and God the Father says to the Son, "I'm going to finish the work You just did, and Your enemies will become Your footstool."

Here's a beautiful thought for you, Christian: God is bringing Jesus' victory to final completion. That's in your life and in the earth.

The biggest enemy you face will be a footstool for Jesus. He, they, foul spirits, whatever it is - our battle's not flesh and blood. Our battle is against principalities, rulers of darkness, and evil spirits. They will be a footstool to Christ.

What a King. When you're facing it, pray them back under His feet. The King has the authority. What

submission. Unbelievable power and glory in Jesus.

God is bringing this victory to final completion. You go back to creation, fall, redemption, restoration. God is finishing His work that He began in your life and in Jesus through His ministry.

Peter closes his sermon right here. He finishes and says:

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

— Acts 2:36

Guys, plain and simple, let all the house of Israel know for certain. You can bank on it. You can outright guarantee it. This is assured. It's steadfast. It's reliable information. It's firm and unhindered by doubts.

I saw this in a commentary: It's incapable of failure.

Know this for certain. There is no failure in what I'm about to say. It is sure and uncontested. The Father has made Jesus Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified. He is Lord. He is God Almighty. He's Christ. He's Redeemer, and He's Savior.

It's remarkable what the Holy Spirit preaches through Peter on the Day of Pentecost. He just goes to the gospel. He uses their Bible, the Old Testament, in that day. We'll talk about that in the application.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the sure and certain proof of the Christian faith. You don't have to cross your fingers and hope it's real, Christian. The resurrection of Christ is the infallible proof of our faith.

Again, he says:

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

— Acts 2:36

Gospel sharing, evangelism, is not about not hurting feelings. Listen, truth will hurt feelings. Words don't have to.

You're not going to win anyone to Christ by thumping them with the Bible and telling them they're going to hell because they suck. But what you can say is, "Our sin - our sin, not just yours - crucified Jesus."

God was okay with that because He decided before time began to send Christ to redeem us. God loves us that much, that He watched His Son suffer for us.

I was thinking about it this morning. I don't know if I've told y'all this yet, but I'm back into running, and it's just a good thing for me. I'm not very fast, but, you know, I thought y'all would clap. Y'all were doing that earlier. No, no, no.

I was running this morning, and I was thinking about it because I just had to get my mind off what I was doing. I know that drove Mary crazy.

I was thinking, I just can't imagine being a juror. I'm part of a trial where this person has committed first-degree murder, and they've got him dead to rights. The judge is about to hit the gavel and declare judgment, and I, from the juror stand, step out and go, "Wait! I will take their place."

"What? Do you know them?"

"I love them."

That's Christ on the cross. He took our place and substituted Himself for us. We justly deserved the penalty.

Observation: Our sin put Christ on the cross. But His love for you and me kept Him there.

I need you to please hear that. Our sins put Jesus Christ on the cross, but Jesus Christ's love for you and love for me kept Him there.

I was looking this up earlier because I knew that I had heard it before. The Mississippi Mass Choir came out with this song called "It Wasn't the Nails." Here are the lyrics:

"It wasn't the nails that held Him to the cross. He could have come down, but the whole world would be lost. The ransom, the cost was so high, only He could pay the cost. It wasn't the nails that held Him to the cross. He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity. By His stripes we were healed. As He hung there at Calvary