

THE BOOK OF ACTS

ACTS 2:14-47 | LESSON SUMMARY

Reverse Babel

ACTS 2:14, "But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them." (ESV)

- Peter recognizes the confusion is casting a spirit of doubt on what is a miraculous and prophetic moment, "we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." (Acts 2:11, ESV)
 - Sometimes we have a responsibility to recognize when a word from God is being received or not—the need for clarification is not a refusal to listen. Peter saw the difference.
- Joel: verses 16-21 Peter quotes the prophet Joel
 - Explains Pentecost
 - Reaffirms who Jesus was and what His resurrection means
 - "God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken..." (Acts 2:24-25, ESV)

What do we do now?

ACTS 2:37, "Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (ESV)



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- Repent/Baptize/Receive Holy Spirit
 - Miracle upon miracle

ACTS 2:44, "And all who believed were together and had all things in common."

- This does not mean that all Christ followers were exactly alike!
- The attitude was one of total communion; they shared everything they had with one another and none was found in need.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: David Guzik, Acts; Verse by Verse Commentary, Walter Elwell, Encountering the New Testament, Randall Price, Zondervan Handbook of Biblical Archeology

