

The Spirit's Coming Powerfully Explained

Intro

Believers should know for certain that the Spirit's coming means these are the last days and God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

1 – The Spirit's coming signals the last days (vv 14-21)

- The last days and THE last day (Joel 2:28-32; 1 Pet 1:21; 1 Cor 10:11; 1 Tim 4:1-2; 2 Tim 3:1; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Heb 1:2; 1 Jn. 2:18)
- Signs of the "last days"
 - The universality of the gift of the Holy Spirit (vs 17; Eph 1:13; 1 Cor 12:13; Rom 8:9)
 - The fruit of the gift of the Holy Spirit (vs 17; Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:4-11)
 - The wonders in heaven and signs on the earth (Lk. 23:44-46; Rev 6:12, 8:5)
- Because there is a group of people on earth who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, God is saying this is the time to call upon him and be saved.

2 – The Spirit's coming proves Jesus is Lord and Christ (vv 22-36)

- God accredited Jesus (vs 22; John 3:2; Luke 9:35, 24:19)
- God directed Jesus (vs 23; Acts 3:18, 4:28; Gal 4:4; Eph 1:3-10; Rev 13:8)
- God raised Jesus (vs 24-32; Psa. 16:8-11; Acts 4:33; Rom 1:4, 4:25)
- God exalted Jesus (vs 33-35; Psalm 110:1; Heb 1:8-9, 13)
- What it means to know for certain that Jesus is Lord and Christ

Discussion Questions

1. How often are you mindful that we live in the last days?
2. Where has your lordship and Christ's lordship of your life clashed?
3. How have you responded to life's God-sent difficulties as of late?
4. What do you need Christ to give to you now?