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The Message the World Needs to Hear

Imagine a first-century Palestine where nothing miraculous happened on the first Pentecost after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. There would have been no sound like a mighty rushing wind. There would have been no ability to hear one's native language when foreign men spoke. Imagine the setting in that great city of Jerusalem where Jews from all nations under heaven were gathered together and the apostle Peter had nothing to say. The multitudes would have traveled great distances, presented their harvest offerings, and departed without ever hearing what they all desperately needed most. The subsequent weeks, months, and years would have been ordinary at best, and the world would have continued the course it was on to complete spiritual decay.

The early accounts in the book of Acts, however, chronicle a different narrative. It was one where God was active through his apostles, and those actions were powerful, public, and persuasive. No longer were the crowds satisfied that the Prince of Peace had been put to death. Instead, they were crying out in desperation hoping their guilty consciences could be cleared of the death sentence they each faced. Beginning that day, thousands of people in Jerusalem experienced a complete paradigm shift. The results from that powerful message concerning the resurrected Lord would begin a spiritual chain-reaction which led to a gospel epidemic.

Fast forward some two-thousand years. Some things have not changed. The world continues to be full of trouble and strife. From the conflicts in the Middle East to the never-ending battles over issues of morality, the need to share that same powerful message remains constant. Some churches are beginning to die off and close their doors. Individuals who were once faithful Christians are no longer interested. Various attempts have been made to reverse some of these issues, but very few are centered on the everlasting gospel. If preaching the gospel in the first century led people to be converted to Jesus Christ, would it not be logical to concentrate our efforts in doing the same thing in the twenty-first century.

Jason Jarrett – July 29, 2014

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 says, “¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men[□] but in the power of God.”

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