

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Church is Born”

Acts 2:1-13

INTRODUCTION

Vance Havner said, “We are not going to move this world by criticism of it, nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God”

- I. IT WAS A MIRACULOUS BIRTH (vv.1-4)
 - A. There is a miraculous assembly (v.1)
 1. The disciples were assembled on the day of Pentecost
 2. The disciples were assembled in one accord
 3. The disciples were assembled in one place
 - B. There is a miraculous arrival (vv.2-3)
 1. “Suddenly” means unexpectedly or surprisingly; the word is found two other times in Acts
 - a. Acts 16:26, “And suddenly there was an earthquake”
 - b. Acts 28:6, “When he should have swollen, or fallen down suddenly”
 2. The prayer meeting was interrupted by the arrival of the Holy Spirit
 - a. First was the sound
 - b. Next was the sight
 3. This is the promise of the Father
 - C. There is a miraculous activity (v.4)
 1. They were all filled with the Spirit
 2. They began to “speak with other tongues”
 - a. “Tongues” translates the Greek word “glossa” that means “languages”
- II. IT WAS A MISSIONARY BIRTH (vv.5-11)
 - A. There is a missionary audience (v.5)
 1. Jews had come from every nation to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover
 - B. There is a missionary amazement (vv.6-11)
 1. The disciples of Jesus were Galileans (vv.6-8)
 - a. Galileans were rural, country, and uneducated
 - b. Nathanael asked Phillip, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46)
 2. The audience was from every nation (vv.9-11a)
 - a. All were highly educated and sophisticated
 3. When the Jews from every nation heard the Galileans speaking in their languages they were confounded, amazed, and marveled
 - C. There is a missionary acknowledgement (v.11b)
 1. The message was “the wonderful works of God”
 - a. Some translate it “the mighty deeds of God”
 2. Perhaps they started in the Old Testament
 - a. Exodus 15:11

- b. Psalm 19:1
- c. Isaiah 9:6
- 3. Perhaps they moved into the Gospels
 - a. Matthew 15:31
 - b. Luke 8:25

III. IT WAS A MYSTERIOUS BIRTH (vv.12-13)

- A. There were three responses to the birth of the church
 - 1. Some were dumbfounded
 - 2. Some were doubters
 - 3. Some were deriders