

Acts 2:14-21, "The Last Days," Jerry Arnold, April 8, 06

Father in Heaven, We thank You for the beautiful reminder that Your words are wonderful words of life. We are about to open Your word and, Lord, we know it will be futile unless You are here to bless us. We are asking that You would teach us, that You would be the very one through Your Holy Spirit to direct our thoughts, to give us the ideas, to give the proper understanding and application to our lives. We pray, Heavenly Father, that You would be strong in our midst to bring healing. There are hearts that are hurting. There are bodies that are hurting. There are emotions that are awry and there are relationships that are stressed. Lord, we are asking that You would bring healing to all of them. We pray that our courage would be strengthened, that there would be a renewal experience through Your Spirit today, and that all of us would be affected for eternity by the ministry that You work, we ask and we pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

Have you asked God for a big thing lately? Have you gone to the throne of God and said, "I know it's big, I know it's out there, but we're asking anyway." A month ago I was sitting with the Finance Committee, and it was pointed out that for the last two months for the first time in our history we had gotten behind in our building fund and in our program for the church budget—first time in four and one-half years.

So they began to discuss it. There was some talk, "Well, we need a theme device so that it can be up here." Or, "We need to find somebody what will come and talk about money for us," and different things like that. One of the persons on the committee said, "Well, I kind of like what Pastor Arnold shared with us before that maybe we should be praying about this." So I took the opportunity to agree with that individual, to make the point that there is no theme device that man can create that's going to make a difference of \$20,000 a month. I don't care what kind of theme device it is. Also, there is not a single person in the church that is so charming that we want to hear every week from them about how we're doing financially. You'll be happy to know we're not going to hire a professional fund raiser to come and knock on your door and say "How much are you going to give?" No.

What we're doing, and here's an amazing thing. We decided as a Finance Committee to fast and to pray. That's it. Here's the prayer that they're fasting for. That is that God would bless you so much that you would be able to return to Him and then He would bless you more and you would be able to return more. That's it. In fact, if you want to enter into that miracle with us you're welcome to join us in fasting.

I fast every Tuesday. If you see me eating on Tuesday, I've broken my fast. There's different ways to fast. You can deny yourself a pleasure. You can deny yourself a meal or a whole 24 hours of meals. You can eat just certain types of food on a particular day. You cannot listen to secular music on that day. You can refrain from secular magazines or from physical intimacy with your spouse. There's lots of ways to fast. The main point is to deprive yourself of something and in its place spend time praying with the Lord, and think about praying to Him. So we started this.

Amazingly, just last week I got a phone call. It was about eight days ago. I got a phone call from a young man. I had just preached the sermon about casting lots. Do you remember that, a couple of weeks ago? He had some questions about it because something was happening in his life and he wanted to know how to make the decision. He has given me permission to share this, by the way. And that's so you can call and tell me your stories too.

He said that when he became one of us, his father and he were estranged. They were raised in another faith. They were raised in another belief system. When he became one of us, there was tremendous strain between him and his father. His father, seemingly out of the blue, had offered to give him a house, put it in his name and then asked him to take out a home equity loan and to buy another house and then to receive rent from both of those to help establish him in life.

Now he was a little confused, not sure what to do and whether he should enter into that with his father. So I began to ask a few questions. I said, "Now, is this something that you would consider to be a good thing if you had the ability to do it?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Well, it's not like he's offering you a convenience store that is open on Sabbath and sells alcohol and tobacco and you're supposed to go into partnership with him. It's not like that, where you have those ethical dilemmas." I said, "It seems to me that this is your father's way of giving you the biggest hug he knows how to give, and he's offering you an opportunity to get stated in life in a magnificent way. As we chatted, this young man said, "You know I believe you're right. I feel so good about it. I believe that is what God is wanting for us."

Then I told him, "Besides, for three weeks we've been fasting and praying that things like this will happen that you will have blessings, unexpected blessings, from heaven regarding finances." And he said, "How long have you been praying for that?" I said "For three weeks." He said, "Fascinating, for the last three weeks every time I pick up the Bible, everything I read is about wealth and how God wants to give people wealth and have them return to Him." So I had a little prayer with him, encouraged him, moved forward, he was excited about it.

He called back about 15 minutes later. He said, "Pastor, I forgot to tell you one part." His said "When my father told me this, I didn't know what to do with this. It didn't make sense to me at the time. But now it makes perfect sense." His father said, "When you take out the home equity loan, take ten percent for your own use." And I said "Well, what do you think that's for?" He said, "I know exactly what it's for. That's to give to the Lord."

Now, miracle enough, Brothers and Sisters, that this man and his family are being blessed financially. The greatest miracle is the relationship is now coming together. Why? It is because of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon mankind. The Holy Spirit is being poured out. Relationships are being healed. Miracles are being wrought. My question for you today is, "Are you having miracles in your life through the power and the outpouring and the Spirit of God?"

I'd like to study that with you today. And we're going to study in Acts chapter 2. We're continuing our series in the book of Acts. Last week we talked about the gift of tongues. This week we're continuing in Acts chapter 2 but we start with verse 14. We will read from verses 14-21. Then I'll go back through those individual verses with you and we will study them.

Beginning with verse 14: "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this was what was spoken by the prophet Joel. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams, and on my menservants and on my maidservants I pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and notable day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'" Amen

Well, we're looking at verse 14. Peter stands up. He's responding to verse 13 where people are looking at the folks who've received the Holy Spirit. They are speaking in different languages. They are obviously excited about what is going on. So the people say, "Well, they are drunk." Peter gives his reason for them not being drunk in verse 15. He says, "It's too early in the day." Then he goes on and quotes the prophet Joel.

Now Joel is not a very big book, just one of the Minor Prophets. And there's quite a debate about Joel, when he actually lived and when he actually wrote. There's about a 130 year time period that they believe, 830 BC-700 BC. Sometime in that time period Joel lived and was a prophet. He prophesied about the kingdom of Judah. The book of Joel begins with a story of locusts that come in and eat all the vegetation. And there's a debate among scholars if that actually happened or if that's a metaphor for judgment which is what Joel talks about.

Then you come to Joel chapter 2 and that is the quotation that Peter has in verses 17-21. This is taken almost verbatim. There are a few changes, but almost verbatim in Joel 2:28-32. We are not going to turn to the book of Joel. No need to. We've got it right here in the book of Acts. Let's look at verse 17 and see what it says. "And it will come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;" Now note this. Peter is using this passage to describe the experience they are having. It begins in verse 16 by saying, "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.'" "

Now the first thing that grabs me or strikes me about that passage is the phrase "the last days." I thought we were living in the last days. Peter is saying they were living in the last days. So 2000 years ago they are saying now is the last days. I pray that 2000 years

from now there won't be a group a people worshiping here saying we are in the last days. I believe we are in the last, last days. But how do you reconcile that?

Well, I'd like to show you in the scriptures. It's good to be knowledgeable and understanding where we can be. What does Peter mean by quoting the last days as the Day of Pentecost? Well, last days in the scriptures often refers to a transition from one time period to another. Peter is talking about the transition that has taken place. Messiah has come. That's a transition. That puts them into another category.

If you look at Hebrews chapter 1, the author of Hebrews uses the very same phrase in describing the experience of Jesus coming to the earth. Hebrews 1:1, 2: It says, "God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;"

The author of Hebrews is saying there's been a transition. Before, God spoke through prophets, but now He speaks through His Son. These are the last days. These are the last demonstrations, or the last expression of God is through Jesus Christ His Son. So we see that "the last days" is the transition from being before the Messiah to Messiah has come, that is referred to in Acts 2 and Hebrews 1.

Now I want to show you Peter referring to the time period in which we live. He will also use last days, but it's a different transition. Messiah has come in his day, Messiah will come in our day. Okay? Let's go to II Peter 3:3 & 4. Peter says this, "Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? (That is talking about the second coming.) For since the fathers fell asleep, all these things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'" In the last days, just before Jesus returns, Peter is saying there will be scoffers. And they are going to say He's not coming. He has not come yet and He's not coming now. And they will seek to discourage people.

In II Timothy 3, we have an expression about the last days as well. And you will note immediately Paul is talking in a future tense. II Tim 3:1 "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, (we are the un generation apparently) slanderers, without self control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away."

That's describing church life. They have a form of Godliness but no power. They are churchy, but they don't have Christ. There's no power in being churchy. You can be very obedient to rules and processes, but it doesn't mean you have Christ. So we see in the last days in the context of Acts chapter 2, Peter is applying it to their day. And he is applying is properly according to the scriptures.

Now let's go back to Acts chapter 2, because we're going to see that Joel chapter 2 not only applied to the Day of Pentecost, it also applies to our day as well. Acts 2:17 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh." What does that mean, "all flesh?" It means it will not be the exclusive experience of Jews of any class of people nor of any gender. It means all flesh, all people. All of us can have the Spirit of God poured out upon us. There is no class system with God.

It goes on to say, "...your sons and your daughters shall prophesy..." Now we have many examples in the Bible of sons prophesying, but I wanted to show you the daughters prophesying. Look at Acts chapter 21. We begin with verse 7. "And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip, the evangelist..."

Now we'll study about Phillip later in the book of Acts. This will be the same man who has the experience with the Ethiopian and baptizes him. He is said to be one of the seven. That means he was one of the seven deacons. So they stayed with him. Verse 9: "Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied." There you have it ladies. The Holy Spirit poured out upon women, and they were prophesying. Now remember, the gift of prophecy does not mean that you are given pictures of the future and consequently you are judged by whether that happens. That can be part of it. Prophesying in its core means speaking the truth about God or speaking with authority about God. So they were able to prophesy.

Let's go back to Acts chapter 2. "Your sons and your daughters shall prophecy." The next thing it says in verse 17 is "...your young men shall see visions..." Now if you have done any reading at all about leadership or about business, church, any of those fields at all, the concept of vision is very, very strong today. It is very much a part of the culture of business that you have a vision. You set a vision. You share that vision with others.

There are all kinds of programs on how to share the vision with others. You get them to buy into it where they own it and they are a part of it. You give them responsibility. You give them authority to act and they go forth and they help fulfill the vision of the company or the organization. Basically it boils down to almost methodology. That is not the vision that is spoken of here. It is far greater than that. It is not plans, it is not methodologies, it is not a vision statement. It is a revelation from God Himself.

Hold your hand here in Acts 2 and turn in your Bibles to I Samuel 3. In 1 Samuel 3:1 it says "Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread, (here in the NKJ version it says) revelation." Some of your Bibles say "vision." That's what it means. It was a vision that was a revelation from God.

So now when we go back to Acts 2 we are better informed to understand what Peter is saying as he quotes Joel. He is saying that God is going to pour His Spirit out upon all people, that sons and daughters will know Him and speak for Him and about Him and

that He is going to give young men revelations of Himself so they can share those with others. And finally he got to me and others my age or older. Actually I don't find myself here. I'm not a young man and I'm not an old man. He doesn't have anything about us in our middle age here. But your old men shall dream dreams.

Now that's good. I want to dream dreams. I'm looking forward to dreaming dreams. How many of you remember what you dreamt last night? A few of you, the rest of you are not blessed. Do you realize that? According to Jewish custom, tradition and beliefs, back in the days of the Bible if you did not remember your dream at night it's because you were out of favor with God, that dreams came from God and you were supposed to remember them. I remember my dreams from time to time. Usually they don't make much sense.

This is not talking about hopes. I dream of retiring. In fact, when I feel stress from pastoring I dream of working at Wal-mart or Lowes or having a decent job where people treat you with respect. You put on that blue vest and a smiley face and you say, "Hey man, glad you're here." And they are grateful to have you say that. That's what I dream about.

But this is something far, far more wonderful than that. This is the capacity of God to enter into the thought processes of an individual while they are asleep and explain Himself and situations to that person in a dream. Daniel had that experience. So here we are reading that Peter says when the Holy Spirit is poured out He's going to be poured out on everybody; sons, daughters. They are going to prophecy. Young men will have revelations, old men will dream dreams. God is going to manifest himself through all kinds of ways that He apparently is not doing right now, at least to the extent that we see talked about here.

It goes on in verse 18: "...and on My menservants and on My maidservants..." Now there's a little bit of debate as to what this means. In Joel 2:29, Joel uses the term servant in some versions of the Bible and slaves in other versions. So consequently scholars say He's talking about sons and daughters and young men and old men, and now just to cover everybody he's saying even slaves, people at the lowest rung of humanity, they can even receive the Holy Spirit.

Then there's other scholars that say, "Well he's already said that." Really, probably what it means is, not only is the Holy Spirit for the high and mighty and people in the lowest levels. But this is a summary statement that all servants of God receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Does that give you courage? All servants of God, men or women, receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Let's see what the passage says. Let's go on to verse 18. "I will pour out My Spirit in those days and they shall prophesy." In other words, all the servants of God will be prophesying, will be speaking the truth about God and will be speaking authoritatively for God. Verse 19: "I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapor of smoke." Now Peter's on a roll here. He's quoting this

passage. He probably worked hard to memorize it. He's got it down pat and he doesn't seem to put the brakes on. But you wonder how does it apply?

"I will show wonders in heaven." Well, we can understand that one. Because, after all, this fire comes down, this apparent fire comes down and sits on the heads of individuals that receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That certainly is a wonder in heaven. "Signs in the earth beneath." If you were here last week we went to Mark 16 and Jesus said that signs will accompany His believers. And now they are speaking in tongues, one of the very signs that Jesus said that would accompany them. So you can understand how Peter would have that.

But what about blood and fire and vapor of smoke? Now I want to share with you how you can get the answer to what Peter meant. You can use the same source I am going to use. That is when we get to heaven we are going to ask Peter, because right now we don't have a clue how that applies. So what we're learning is that Peter is kind of painting with a wide brush here of a prophecy from Joel, but it doesn't necessarily have to apply in every particular. Do you understand that?

But it goes on in verse 20: "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and notable day of the Lord." Wow! Where does that happen in the book of Acts? You realize there's no record, no evidence of that happening in the book of Acts. Before we look at the sun darkening and the moon not showing its light, I want to talk to you about the Day of the Lord. What does that mean?

The Day of the Lord primarily is a time when God intervenes in human affairs to execute judgment upon evil doers and to deliver his people from the oppression of those evil doers. That is called in the Old Testament the Day of the Lord. The phrase Day of the Lord is used in the New Testament very rarely. But you have Day of Wrath, Day of Judgment. That's the same day. I'll show you two references and one you'll find very important, especially if you have brothers and sisters in Christ who believe in the rapture.

Look at Romans chapter 2:5 & 6. Paul is not going to use the Day of the Lord here, he's going to use the Day of wrath. But he's describing the same day. "But in accordance your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the Day of Wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God who will render to each one according to his deeds." If you are in Christ you have eternal life. If you're not in Christ then according to how you have lived your life.

In II Peter 3 the phrase "Day of the Lord" will be used. Here is a passage that you may want to underline in your Bible as you talk to your brothers and sisters in Christ who believe in the secret rapture. Because, part of their belief system is that Jesus will come as a thief in the night on the Day of the Lord. Okay?

Now, we could start in verse 5, but we're not. We're going to shorten this and we're going to begin with verse 10. II Peter 3:10: "But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night..." If you stop right there you can make it sing any song you want, you

can make it dance to any tune you want. You can make it, “Ah, the secret rapture. There it is, the Day of the Lord. He comes as a thief in the night.” But notice what happens. “... in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise and the elements will melt with fervent heat both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”

The reason this is problematic for the secret rapture is because people who believe the secret rapture say that on the Day of the Lord Jesus comes as a thief in the night, He takes the believers away, but people are left alive here on the planet. That text says everything is destroyed. It's all burned up. That is the Day of the Lord imagery from Joel 2, also from Acts 2:20. So it's the end of the world. So Peter is quoting Joel and saying the outpouring of this Holy Spirit is related to the end of the world. He associates it with signs. He says that there would be signs in the sun and in the moon.

Let's look at it again Acts 2:20. It says, “The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and notable Day of the Lord.” Something is going to happen that will help humanity to know that we are living in the last days. That something is going to help us to understand God is wanting to move though His Holy Spirit upon all humanity so He can wrap this thing up and we can go home.

Jesus mentions it in Matthew 24. Please turn to Matthew 24:29 & 30. Jesus talks about this phenomenon. Here Jesus is describing what it's going to be like in the latter days of earth's history. He says this. Verse 29: “Immediately after the tribulation in those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” Jesus says that sometime after the great tribulation the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall. Sometime after that He will return in power in the clouds.

So what is this tribulation thing? If you believe in futurism or like the people who believe in the secret rapture, here's what they believe it means. Jesus comes secretly, takes people away, and then you have seven years of tribulation. At the end of that Jesus returns again. In the middle of that time, that's when the beast manifests himself and you have the mark of the beast and all chaos takes place.

Now let's look at verse 21 of the same chapter where tribulation is mentioned. Matthew 24:21 & 22: “For then there will be great tribulation, such has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elects sake those days will be shortened.”

Now if you put that verse, verse 21, in context in what Jesus is teaching you discover He has already kind of set some perimeters. He has talked about the destruction of the city of Jerusalem which was in AD 70. He said after that there's going to be a great tribulation and if those days weren't cut short no flesh would survive. So He's going to cut that short. Then after the tribulation, there's going to be signs in the sun, the moon

and the stars. After that we're in the last days, He's going to pour His Spirit out, He's going to return and the Day of the Lord will take place. Okay, so are you following me?

Now, if we had time we would go to Daniel 7, we would go to Revelation chapter 12, and we would identify clearly that that time period is identified in the scriptures as a 1260 year time period beginning in the year 538 and ending in 1798. And we can look in history itself and discover that on May 19, 1780 the sun became dark. May 19, 1780 the moon did not give its light, in fact it looked blood red that night. And on November 13, 1833 stars fell from the heavens all throughout North America.

Now the people of that time period thought they were living at the beginning of the judgments of God. It so affected them that they began to study the Bible like they had never studied it before. And that passage in Daniel where it says, "And in the latter days many will run to and fro," we often say that's better transportation. No. That's eyes perusing the scriptures studying them back and forth, back and forth, and a knowledge and understanding of God came in.

Now just to help you identify how profound that day was, I want to read to you a portion of a letter written by General Robert E. Lee to his son, G. W. Curtis Lee, who happened to be in school at the time of the writing of this letter. Now, General Lee would live from 1807-1870. Then he would die. And he's going to refer to what I just read to you. It's a letter about duty but he's going to quote some history.

"In regard to duty let me in conclusion of this hasty letter inform you that nearly a hundred years ago there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness still known as the dark day, a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished as if by eclipse. The legislature of Connecticut was in session. As the members saw the unexpected and unaccountable darkness coming on, they shared in the general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the Last Day, the Day of Judgment, had come. Someone in the consternation of the hour moved an adjournment. Then there arose an old Puritan legislator, Davenport of Stamford, and said that if that Last Day had come, he desired to be found at his place doing his duty and therefore moved that candles be brought in so that the house could proceed with its duty. There was quietness in that man's mind, the quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness to obey present duty. Duty then is a sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things like the old Puritan. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less. Nor let me or your mother wear one gray hair for any lack of duty on your part."

Isn't that interesting? It talks about history, what it meant to the people back then. They thought they were living in the Day of the Lord. The judgment had begun. I'm telling you, Brothers and Sisters, God is so interested in us understanding these things that He's given us multitudes of sources to verify what the word of God says.

Let's go to Acts chapter 2 as we look at our last text in this passage. So far we've been told that in the last days, and those last days are here, God is going to pour out His Spirit on all flesh. Sons and daughters will prophesy, they are going to have revelations, there's

going to be dreams. It's going to happen on all the servants of God. Everyone will be able to prophesy. There's going to be wonders in heaven, signs in the earth beneath, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and notable day of the Lord. Acts 2:21: "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

I was talking to a young man just the other day. He told me that he became a Christian about fifteen months ago. He joined one of our sister churches just a short distance from here. He's in his late 20s. There weren't very many people that age in that church. So he was lonely. The first two months as "one of us" were very lonely. No one to talk to, no one in his family that believed like he did. But he hung in there. He prayed.

Lo and behold one day he saw a fellow that he used to play soccer with in high school. They were on the soccer team together. That young man had also given his heart to Jesus. In fact, he is a member of our church here. And they struck up an old friendship. Now there's fellowship. Now there're some things happening. They began to meet on Friday night and gather some others around, and they are growing in the Lord.

Then this young man decided he wanted to go to a concert and couldn't find anyone to go with him, but he felt compelled to go. It was a Christian concert. So he goes and when he's there he finds another old friend. But this guy was as wild as the wind back in high school. Not any more. He's serving God. He was there to praise God and to thank Jesus for the salvation that had been given him. All of a sudden, everywhere this man turns he's running into old friends who are now born again believers in Christ. Brothers and Sisters, God is pouring his Spirit out upon all flesh. Is He pouring His Spirit out on you? How will he? Let me answer that question.

God's blessing of the Holy Spirit is in the context of a relationship with God. You see, if I have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof, I don't need the Holy Spirit. I can play the religious game and do what is acceptable within the religious community. But if I recognize my need of a Savior and I am pleading for Jesus to come into my heart, and I'm longing for a deep experience in God, the Bible describes God as roving the earth, going back and forth, back and forth, back and forth, looking for somebody He can make Himself strong on behalf of.

He's looking for you, He's looking for me. He's looking for us to be on our knees before Him saying, "Lord, You should have all the glory, You should have all the honor, You should have all the praise. Teach me to walk in Your ways. Show me how to walk with You." He's waiting for His people to humble themselves before Him. And when that happens, He will pour His Spirit out upon them. And we by the grace of God will have an Acts 2 Pentecost experience in the Spirit of God.

Would you like that? Would you like to say to the Lord today, "Lord, I want Jesus as my Savior, but I want more than that. I want a deep, powerful, meaningful relationship with You that You see as sincere, and that You fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can speak the truth about You to other people and my friends and my family can hear about Jesus

Christ.” Because the good news is, anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord can be saved. If you want to say to God today, “I want Jesus, and please fill me with your Holy Spirit,” I’m going to ask you to stand right where you’re at.

Father in Heaven, Here we are, Lord. We believe we’re in the last days. We believe it. Lord, we want a last day experience as described in Acts chapter 2 and as prophesied by Joel. Please, Lord, we ask Jesus to come into our heart. We are calling upon Your name. Thank You that we are saved in Him. Now, Lord, please pour Your Spirit out upon us and work mightily through us and in us that we may truly glorify Your name in all the earth. This is our prayer in Jesus name, Amen.