**Part 7 – Tongues (Part A)**

*Acts 2:5-11*

**Passage Background and Context Information**

In chapter 1, Jesus’ disciples are in the city of  Jerusalem as Jesus commanded them before his ascension to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would empower them to witness about Jesus to the world. The day of Pentecost arrives. Pentecost is a Jewish Festival that would have filled the streets of Jerusalem like the 4th of July does here. While the disciples are gathered together in a room, sitting, the Holy Spirit suddenly like violent rushing wind filled the room and rested upon one person like a flickering flame and then separated and rested on another. The Holy Spirit empowered them to witness about Jesus but notice how.

**Bible Verse**

###### Acts 2:5-11 (CSB)

5Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. 6When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7They were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? 8How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), 11Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.”

**So? \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_. (5-11)**

1. Deuteronomy 24:17 Do not deny justice to a resident alien or fatherless child, and do not take a widow’s garment as security.
2. Jeremiah 22:1–5 This is what the LORD says: “Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and announce this word there. 2 You are to say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David—you, your officers, and your people who enter these gates. 3 This is what the LORD says: Administer justice and righteousness. Rescue the victim of robbery from his oppressor. Don’t exploit or brutalize the resident alien, the fatherless, or the widow. Don’t shed innocent blood in this place. 4 For if you conscientiously carry out this word, then kings sitting on David’s throne will enter through the gates of this palace riding on chariots and horses—they, their officers, and their people. 5 But if you do not obey these words, then I swear by myself—this is the LORD’s declaration—that this house will become a ruin.’”
3. Romans 13:1-7, that God has given authority to the government to “punish those who do evil and reward those who do that which is good.”
4. Psalm 35:11-13: 11 Malicious witnesses come forward; they question me about things I do not know. 12 They repay me evil for good, making me desolate. 13 Yet when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; humbled myself with fasting,
and my prayer was genuine. (Ps 35:11–13).
5. Romans 12:15 says, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.”

**Pray**

The Holy Spirit relates only to those who repent of their sin and entrust themselves, their life, and eternity to Jesus.

“Jesus, I confess I am a sinner. I deserve Your judgment of death and hell. But I believe You love me, came down for me, lived a perfect life, and shed Your blood and died on the cross for my sins. I also believe that God raised You from the dead for the forgiveness of my sins, to change me, and grant me everlasting life. Please forgive me, help me, and give me eternal life. I believe You are my Forgiver and God. I give my life to love, obey, and make much of You! In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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