

# Sunday, May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Acts 10:44-48 - The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

*I believe that the nature and purpose of speaking in tongues in Acts is not the same as in 1 Corinthians. In 1 Corinthians the purpose of speaking in tongues is worship. Tongues are not known languages. An interpreter is needed if speaking in tongues occurs in public.*

*In Acts the purpose of speaking in tongues is evangelism and outreach. Tongues are known languages.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Acts 2: 4 - All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*7-8 – Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”*

*Acts 8: 14-17 – Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

*Acts 19: 2 – “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”*

*5-6 – They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.*

## Psalm 98 – Sing a new song to the Lord

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things.

*How open and receptive – or how resistant - are you to new songs?*

*When have you needed a new song? When have none of the old songs been sufficient or right?*

*What are some reasons why we might need a new song? To give expression to our faith - To describe what we have just experienced - To put into words something new we have learned about God*

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD.

*Video of Louie Giglio – pulsating stars, singing whales, and Chris Tomlin’s song, “How Great Is Our God”*

*Psalm 148: 3 – Praise him, all you shining stars.*

*7 – Praise the Lord, you sea monsters and all deeps.*

*“God is surrounded by a symphony that is bigger than our wildest dreams.”*

*“Do you want to sing along with stars and whales?”*

## **1 John 5:1-6 – The victory of faith**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God.

*John 3: 7 – Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born anew.”*

<sup>3</sup>The love of God is this, that we obey his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

*John 14: 15 – If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

*Matthew 11: 30 – My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

<sup>4</sup>Whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

*1 John 4: 4 – The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

*Romans 8: 31 – If God is for us, who is against us?*

## **John 15:9-17 - Abide in my love**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

<sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

<sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

*John 10: 10 – I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

*John 10: 15 – I lay down my life for the sheep.*

*1 John 3: 16 – We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

<sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you.

I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

*Are you bearing fruit that will last?*

*1 Corinthians 3: 12 – building on the foundation (Jesus) with gold, silver, and precious stones, or wood, hay, and straw*