When Are the Last Days? (Acts 2)

Understanding the End Times – Part 1 Life Church St. Louis – October 26, 2014 Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV) First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

Acts 1:4-5 (NIV) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

1. The last days are days of the _____

Acts 2:33 (NIV) Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

1A. The _____ in the Spirit is for all

Acts 2:4 (NIV) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

1B. The Spirit brings _____

Acts 2:17-18 (NIV) "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

2. The last days are days of	
	power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; usalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and
2A. People from	will be saved

Acts 2:21 (NIV) And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be

2B. Jesus is the _	to be saved	

saved."

Acts 2:38-39 (NIV) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

3. The last days are days of _____

Acts 2:22 (NIV) "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

3A. Signs and wonders will _____

Acts 2:43 (NIV) Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

3B. _____ signs & wonders will come before the end

Acts 2:19-20 (NIV) I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

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Intro.	Do you think that our country is falling away from God? If so, in what ways?	2C.	What are the three elements of beginning a new life with Jesus (Acts 2:38-39)? Why is it important that this promise is for everyone in the last days?
	In what ways has the authority of the Bible been under attack recently?	2D.	Why should being a witness for Jesus be a priority in your life?
	How do you see the prophecy of 2 Peter 3:3-4 being fulfilled in our time?	3A.	How do we see the signs and wonders ministry of Jesus continued in the book of Acts (Acts 1:1, 2:22)?
1A.	Why is it important for believers to be baptized with the Holy Spirit in the last days (Acts 1:4-5, 2:33)?	3B.	What would you say to someone who believed that God no longer works signs and wonders (Acts 2:43)?
1B.	In what ways is the baptism in the Spirit different then receiving the Holy Spirit when you are saved (John 20:22, Acts 2:4)?	3C.	What do the celestial signs and wonders in Acts 2:19-20 point to?
1C.	When are the last days (Acts 2:17-18)? What do these verses in Acts 2:17-18 tell us about the Spirit's gifts of revelation in the last days?	3D.	Why do you think that the powers of darkness will increase even as the kingdom of God expands in the last days (Revelation 12:12)?
1D.	The recovery of the truth concerning the baptism in the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts happened in the last 100 years. Why do you think that the older denominations have been opposed to this truth?	3E.	In what ways can you seek to be used by God in signs and wonders (1 Corinthians 14:1)?
2A.	What is the main purpose of the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)?		