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Part 2- Love Out Loud

Acts 2:1-21

Key Point: the basics of the church and Christian faith has always come back the GREAT COMMANDMENT and the GREAT COMMISSION.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

A Change of Heart...

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Luke 24:9-11 (NIV)

The Response of Some...

...however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Acts 2:13 (NIV)

The Missing Ingredient...

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their

eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' Matthew 13:14-15 (NIV)

3 Things we receive from the Holy Spirit...

- 1) A more PERSONAL relationship with God**
- 2) More POWER to live in ministry.**
- 3) Freedom from the BARRIERS that were built at Babel.**

How do we live this out as a church?

1. We can LOVE OUT LOUD.

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

2. We can be a BEAUTIFUL representation of God's love.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15 NIV