

EFCDP SERMON NOTES • March 23, 2025

Series: *Revival* # 4

“True Spirituality” • Acts 2:1-21, 41-47

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The Big Idea: *Pursuing true spirituality is the way to have real revival.*

**1. To have true spirituality, we must intentionally surrender to the Holy Spirit daily. Vv. 1-3**

**2. Surrender to the Holy Spirit leads to powerful worship. Vv. 4-13**

**3. True spirituality results in powerful witness to lost people. Vv. 14-21, 41**

**4. True spirituality motivates the Church to have godly priorities. Vv. 42-47**

# Digging Deeper

A guide for personal and small group study for the week of March 23, 2025.



→ Was any part of the message unclear? Which aspect of the message do you think will be the most challenging to apply to your own life?

→ Do you agree with the “big idea” of this passage? Why or why not?

1. Do you think most people today give much thought to “being spiritual?” Why or why not?

2. What are some common ways people today (believers or seekers) think they are “being spiritual?”

3. Do you think icons in our culture (E.G. *Star Wars*, music, books, etc.) that have a spiritual focus are generally helpful or harmful?

4. What are some dangers of pursuing spirituality that is not firmly rooted in (or even contrary to) what the Bible teaches?

5. What teaching have you heard regarding the baptism and filling of the Holy Spirit? Such as:

| The work of the Holy Spirit in believers |                         |                         |
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| WORK                                     | The baptism of the H.S. | The filling of the H.S. |
| WHEN                                     |                         |                         |
| HOW                                      |                         |                         |

6. What would you say is the difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit? What do these scriptures teach?

- John 14:16-17, 26
- Acts 1:4-5
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- Ephesians 5:17-21
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-25

7. Have you been told the baptism of the Holy Spirit does not happen when a person becomes a Christian, but only later, and is always evidenced by speaking in tongues? If so, how does that thinking fit with the scriptures above?

8. What was the content of the things the disciples were saying in Acts 2:4-13? What impact did their speech have on those who heard it? Why did some think they might be drunk?

9. Why is it important that the Greek word translated “language” in Acts 2:6 and 8 is the word from which we get “dialect?”

10. Why is it significant that when Peter gave his sermon, he was speaking in his native language of Aramaic?

11. The gift of tongues occurs twice more in Acts—note the unique circumstances of each occurrence:

- Acts 10:46
- Acts 19:6

→ Why do you think the Holy Spirit did not use tongues at the conversion of the 3,000 in Acts 2:41, the conversion of the 5,000 in Acts 4:4, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by the Samaritans in Acts 8:17?

12. What other gifts/ministries of the Holy Spirit are described in these passages?

- Acts 1:8
- 1 John 2:27
- Ephesians 1:13
- Ephesians 1:14

- Galatians 5:22-24
- Acts 8:29
- 1 Thessalonians 1:6
- Romans 15:13

→ Which of these are conditional, depending on our obedience and surrender and which are not?

13. Read Joel 2:28-32, to which Peter refers in Acts 2:16. In what way(s) was Joel's prophecy fulfilled in Acts 2, and in what way(s) has it not yet been fulfilled?

14. Read Acts 2:42-27. What were the priorities of the believers (the very first church) which began at Pentecost?

→ How does Acts 2:47 describe the results of how they conducted church?

→ Would you say the typical Christian church today shares these priorities? Why or why not? In what way(s) might a church change if they faithfully followed the example of Acts 2:42-47?

### **Application Ideas:**

1. Make a commitment to breathe a quick prayer, intentionally surrendering to the Holy Spirit before you get out of bed in the morning.
2. Try to surround yourself with things that help you worship, such as playing an audio Bible or worship music as you do chores or drive the car.
3. Pray for three unbelievers you know each day, that God would open their eyes to the gospel, and that you would have opportunity to demonstrate the gospel both in how you live and what you say.
4. Read Acts 2:42-47 monthly, honestly evaluating your participation in the activities listed. Memorize Hebrews 13:17.

→ Which, if any, of these practices do you already generally follow?

→ Which of these do you think will be the most challenging for you to apply to your own life? How can your group pray for you?