

Open Heaven Series
Pentecost 2
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Opening

-Discover City Life...

-last week of Open Heaven series...

-Sharon Thomas is going to be preaching on the 29th and then on October 6th we'll be starting a new series entitled "In The Crowd" ... (each week come with heart to respond...)

Introduction

-1 Corinthians 16:22

- Marana-tha ... "Our Lord comes!"
- Maran-atha... "Our Lord has come!"

-I believe God has given us the great word to teach us a great creed...that we believe Jesus has come and that He is coming again!

- **An Open Heaven is when the Holy Spirit empowers activity, for The Church to bring a Maranatha message!**
- **An Open Heaven is when the Holy Spirit enables revelation, for people to have a Maranatha moment!**

(Quick Recap) Supernatural Activity

-John 18:4-6...they fell down

-Acts 10:44-46...preaching and praise (reference only)

-2 Corinthians 12:1-6...visions (reference only)

-Acts 8:39-40...teleportation

-Acts 13:8-12...prophetic power (Elymus, reference only)

-1 Corinthians 12:4-8...special knowledge (tell story of Simmons daughter)

-Acts 2:4...spiritual language (reference only)

Holy Spirit Baptism/Spiritual Language

-Acts 2:1-13 (from Bible)

...different from salvation? (1)

- John 20:22...50 days later we come to Acts 2... (Great C postponed!)
- (comment here that we believe the narrative portions of scripture give us doctrine, not just the didactic portions...)
- We don't get more of God, He gets more of us! Randy Hurst
- ...spiritual chiropractic experience...the Holy Spirit gaining ground in becoming the dominant influencer of your will...

...not heard this before? (2)

- ¹Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ²instruction about baptisms (Acts 2:38, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Matthew 3:11-12), the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. Hebrews 6:1-2
- *acceptance among our secular culture over the last 2000 years...it's not odd to follow a spiritual leader such as Jesus, it's not odd to believe that difficult circumstances build character, it's not odd to join and be devoted to a spiritual community...it is however still considered quite odd to be professing having had a supernatural spiritual encounter that leaves a person with the ability to pray and worship in a spiritual language!*
- Acts 2:39 (a possible gift for me!)

- Luke 24:28-31 (the possibility of continued revelation...that Jesus is going to open our eyes to things we did not formally understand...it's interesting too that their journey began with them trying to teach Him, may we always let Him be the one who decides what we should expect!)

...losing control of myself? (3)

- You will be in control of yourself to the degree you are now...Galatians 5:22-23 and that self-control is a fruit of the Spirit!
- 1 Corinthians 14:32,40 (also work through 14:22-25)
- in control but also in step = in The Spirit
 - o my volume
 - o my posture
 - o my place
 - o my impact

...spiritual language for everyone? (4)

- There is the person whose primary gift to the Body of Christ is a prophetic ministry of declaring a message from God that must be accompanied by an interpretation...this may not be your calling. **(1 Corinthians 12:29-30)**
- There are moments when people are compelled by God to be an instrument of His being manifested to the world...this may not happen to you. **(1 Corinthians 12:7,11)** (tell story of Tonya at Starbucks and the musician about to kill himself...)
- There is the ability to express ourselves to God in times of prayer and worship unencumbered by human intellect and earthly language...this is for us all! **(1 Corinthians 14:18)** (verses 1-17 is Paul teaching on the spiritual gift as a prophetic ministry in church gatherings. Verse 18 he is referencing spiritual language for personal life then back to verse 19 he says "But in a church meeting..." Also, "all of you" is the right translation here, not "any of you" or "some of you." Also, verse 2 is about prophetic ministry and verse 4 is connected to verse 22.

...not understanding myself? (5)

- 1 Corinthians 14:26
- Story of Derick being born...
- ...acts of expression lead to feelings of intimacy...

Band

-(read quote from Jack Hayford's "The Beauty of Spiritual Language")

Close

-Malachi 3:10b