

Twin Peaks of The New Covenant Age Joel 2:28-32

for the **Growing** Christian:

Under the Old Testament Holy Spirit came upon certain individuals at certain times to miraculously equip them to do God’s will. This could be both believers in God, or not. Here are some examples: Numbers 11:16-17; 24:2; 1 Samuel 16:13.

But God promised that Holy Spirit would do a new work under the New Testament: Ezekiel 36:26-27.

Miraculous spiritual gifts like prophecy were part of the old work of Holy Spirit that continued into the New Testament only to help guide the beginning of the Lord’s church.

The new work of indwelling Holy Spirit for those in Christ, however, is both our regeneration when we became Christians, and the ongoing work of sanctification: Titus 3:4-7; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Romans 8:11-14.

Weekly Affirmation:

Christ Has Called Me to Evangelize Today!

for the **Mature** Christian:

Read Romans 10:13-17. In Luke 10:2 Jesus tells His disciples that “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” We have seen through Peter’s proclamation of the fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy that God has ushered in His Kingdom. The next big event on God’s timeline is the second coming of Christ and the final judgment!

In the meantime, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!” But people need to hear about Jesus and God’s grace first! This is where God is putting His people to work!

Don’t be afraid to share God’s Word with those in your sphere of influence that need a right relationship with God. You do not have to convince them, that will be Holy Spirit’s work (*John 16:5-11*), but God does need you to speak up to share His Word! Your Christian family can support you and pray for confidence in this task!

for **Children:**

Take a single sheet of paper and tear it in half. This represents how easily humans can break their promises. Sometimes it’s because we forget, or keeping the promise is hard, or things are out of our control, or we simply don’t want to anymore (*of course, this doesn’t make it right*).

Now try to fold a piece of paper in half seven times over, then attempt to rip it fully folded. It’s impossible! This is like God’s promises. Read 1 Kings 8:56 & 2 Peter 3:9. God always keeps His promises, and Jesus, God’s Son, always keeps His promises too! And Jesus promised to always be with those that trust in Him! Read Matthew 28:20.

October 2024 Growth Goals

- ♡ Read the Books of Hosea & Joel.
- ♡ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ♡ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Books of Hosea & Joel (available on the website).
- ♡ Try a fast of any duration (8-24 hours). Replace your meal time with prayer and Bible reading (*see Daniel with any questions*).

Weekly

Memory Verse:

“And it will come about that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD Will be saved;...”

Joel 2:32