



Prone to Drift
Jesus and the New Covenant

Joel 2:28–32 NIV

Ezekiel 36:26–27 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

1. ON THE CROSS JESUS' IDENTITY WAS PROVEN.

Acts 2:19–20 (Joel 2:30-31) *I will show wonders in the heavens 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.*

***There were wonders in the heavens above.**

Matt 27:45 *From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.*

***There were signs on the earth below.**

Matt 27:50–51 *And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open.*

***Jesus' identity as the Son of God was confirmed.**

Matt 27:54 *When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*

2. ON THE CROSS AT ZION, JESUS SAVED MANY.

Acts 2:21 (in the context of Joel 2:32) *And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.*

SERMON NOTES

3. JESUS SENT THE HOLY SPIRIT TO ALL.

Acts 2:33 *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.*

Acts 2:14–18 (including Joel 2:28-29) *Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 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.”*

4. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED ANTI-DRIFTING TACTICS.

1. & 2. Repent and be Baptized...they go together.

Acts 2:37–38 *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 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.”*

3. Join a Growth Group for (κοινωνία) fellowship.

2 Cor. 13:14 *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

4. Pray More... the Holy Spirit intercedes for you.

Rom 8:26b-27 *We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.*