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05/22/23 - The First Gift of the Spirit

Acts 2:1-13

As "Spirit" people, Acts 2 is pretty important to us.

When the Holy Spirit falls on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit comes bearing gifts. I am reminded the Spirit did not come bringing gifts of healing or discernment, nor were they gifts of apologetics or rhetoric.

No, the first gift of the Spirit described in Acts 2 is the gift of languages. The first gift given on the birthday of the Church is one that turns outsiders into insiders. Folks from all over the known world, representing a myriad of cultures, races, and languages "heard their own language being spoken" (v. 6).

We must not miss this vitally important point: the first gift of the Spirit to the newly formed Church of Jesus is one that broke down barriers between people, creating a space for the kingdom to break-in, and for lives to be changed. As "Spirit" people, we must cooperate with where this particular wind is blowing.

May we be known as barrier-breaking people!

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