

## 6 May 2018 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Readings:** Acts 10:44–48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17.

**Theme:** *Falling in love* – **Acts 10:44**, “While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.” **INTRO:** “Do you believe in love at first sight?”... “I believe at love at first sight because I’ve been loving my mother ever since I opened my eyes.”



### I. A SURPRISE.

**Acts 10:45**, “And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were **amazed**, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.”

**Acts 2:12**, “And **all were amazed and perplexed** (MSG: Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it), saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’”



### II. A GIFT.

**A. By faith through hearing.** Cf. “Love at first sound.”

**Acts 10:44**, “While Peter was still **saying these things**, the Holy Spirit fell on **all who heard the word**....”

**Acts 10:43**, “To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” Cf. **Romans 10:17**, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

**Cf. Neil Diamond**, *You don’t bring me flowers, anymore.*

**The Beatles**, “Listen do you want to know a secret; Do you promise not to tell woh woh woh closer, Let me whisper in your ear, Say the words you long to hear; I’m in love with you oo.”

It should be no secret that **GOD’S IN LOVE WITH YOU!!!**

**John 15:9**, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.”

**B. Comes abundantly.**

**Acts 10:44-45**, “**the Holy Spirit fell** on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because **the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out** even on the Gentiles.” **Replay: Acts 2:2-3**,

“And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a **mighty rushing wind**, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”

**John 7:37-38**, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow **rivers of living water**.’”



### III. EVIDENT.

**1 John 1:2, 4:8-9**, “the life was made **manifest**, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made **manifest** to us... Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made **manifest** among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”

A. **Speech. Acts 10:46**, “For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God.”

**Psalms 98:1**, “Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!” **Ephesians 5:18-19**, “Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.”

B. **Action.**

**Acts 10:47**, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

**1 John 5:3**, “this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”

C. **Desire.**

**Acts 10:48b**, “Then they asked him to remain for some days.”

**Summary of affect. Mark 12:30**, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” **Revelation 2:4-5**, “You walked away from your first love—why? What’s going on with you, anyway? Do you have any idea how far you’ve fallen? Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste, for I’m well on my way to removing your light from the golden circle.”



Open the eyes of my  
heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my  
heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

**CONCLUSION: LOVE CONQUERS ALL!** We are the champions, my friends. **1 John 5:4-5**, “Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” **Sing:** “Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.”

To see Him is to fall in love with Him, for He has fallen for you. To fall in love with Him means we will love others the same.

