

Hello! This is Dorothy -

Have you ever been around people and they joke? They joke about anything, but especially if something is going on that speaks of the Lord Jesus. Something seems to be putting them in a corner, so they, think, “Oh, I know how I am going to get out of this one. I am just going to laugh about it and write it off and make some ridiculous statement and get others to laugh along with me!” Never be put off by that behavior. It is a sign often of somebody who is under such conviction; they cannot face up to the Truth.

It is in **Acts chapter 2**, following the most amazing outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord upon ordinary Christians that set them free to be able to speak in the languages of the people that were about them from every part of the world, the known world at that time, that they were able to share the mighty works of God. They were not talking about, “Well, isn’t this amazing? Of all people, it is me, and you do not know my background,” and getting in their personal story. Instead, the emphasis, in **verse 11**, was . . . **[telling of] the mighty works of God**. The people that were about . . . **were puzzled and bewildered and saying one to another, What can this mean? (verse 12)**.

13 But. . . have you ever noticed the word *but* always gives a total different picture? **But others made a joke of it and derisively said, They are simply drunk and full of sweet [intoxicating] wine.** They tried to write it off. You know, sometimes we let this kind of remark go by, but it is interesting that the Apostle Peter takes opportunity here.

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: You Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be [explained] to you, so that you will know and understand; listen closely to what I have to say.

15 For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is [only] the third hour (about 9:00 a.m.) of the day;.

16 But [instead] this is [the beginning of] what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: Now here is one who has just received this extraordinary moving of the Holy Spirit through him and he has witnessed what has gone on with others. But rather than saying, “Well, we better now have a new group and call it by this name,” or “We are different from anybody else; we have what they don’t have, so we better be off for our own type of meetings,” instead, he gives all glory to God and goes straight to Scripture! You see, a man of Scripture is not surprised what happens. It does not happen the way people try to work things out. Peter went right back to the **Book of Joel** and he quotes what the old prophet Joel had said -

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all mankind, and your sons and your

daughters shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels] and your young men shall see visions [divinely granted appearances] and your old men shall dream [divinely suggested] dreams.

For many in the world, the opportunity to have the Word of God. It is the Word of God that people need to talk about and to receive and to be built up with. For others, the Word of God is in great scarcity. Perhaps you are listening and you do not even have a Bible, but you might be able to testify how the Holy Spirit has confirmed to you things which you have heard, speaking of Jesus Christ. We know this has happened in many places and, therefore, the Lord always speaks in such a way that people know it is Him, but don't go looking for experiences or looking for dreams or visions or interpretations. Follow what the Word of God says, if you have the Word of God, and encourage and comfort one another in the Word of God, just like Peter took the Word of God and spoke from the prophet Joel.

It goes on to say -

18 Yes, and on My menservants also and on My maidservants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy [telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom]. We are living in a very, very key hour of the Church's history. Therefore, prophecy, which is what the Word of God has declared will happen, is literally about to be

fulfilled in many aspects of the world. It is already accomplished in so many areas, that we see what God is bringing forth. Speak from the Word of God! Speak what God is bringing to pass in this hour and remember, it is by His Spirit.

What about your life? Do you feel that you are living your own life your own way and yet, you say you love the Lord Jesus? Will you ask Him to clean out that mess! Be honest about it and ask Him for that fresh infilling, that the explanation will be that you confess Jesus Christ and His Word, and you believe that His prophecies are being fulfilled that Jesus is coming very soon to which end we give all glory to Him.

In His precious Name. Amen.