

# July 17

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I understand that the Lord no longer just gives His Spirit to leaders but has pour it out upon all of Christ's followers? Do I see myself as God sees me, as one that has received a full measure of the Holy Spirit? Do I allow the Spirit to work through me to unify the church? Or, do I do things that work to tear the church apart?

**1** **God determined to pour out His Spirit upon all nations** — *Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams....*

Why is it key that the Spirit is poured out on all flesh rather than just leaders?

What examples of the Spirit's work in my life can I praise Him for?

**2** **I am already a part of Christ's body and have been made a partaker of His Spirit** — *1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

What works should be in my life since we are all partakers of the same Spirit?

Why does the devil want me to ignore my relation to the body and the Spirit?

**3** **I am to seek to preserve unity within the body** — *Ephesians 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

What kinds of things do I do that create tension and distance in the church?

What things am I doing that strengthen ties and promote peace in the church?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Acts 20:17-38

Evening: Psalms 18, 19