



"Scriptural Christianity" August 1, 2021 Pastor John Speight CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/SERMONS

Each Sunday in this sermon series we are pairing one of John Wesley's famous sermons with a classic rock song from the 1970s. Today, using modern English, I'm going to preach Wesley's sermon, "Scriptural Christianity." John Wesley preached this sermon to the professors and students of Oxford University in St. Mary's Chapel on August 24, 1744. Today's classic rock song is "Peace of Mind," recorded in 1976 by Boston.

"Peace of Mind" =

a mental state of calmness or tranquility, a freedom from worry and anxiety

"...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 4:31 (NLT)

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

For what purpose has the Holy Spirit come?

To give every believer the \_\_\_\_\_\_ that was in Christ Jesus.

PEACE OF MIND comes by having the PEACE OF CHRIST

1. Every believer \_\_\_\_\_\_ when they accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.

We have been made right with God because of our faith. So <u>we have peace with God</u> through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 (ERV)

2. It was \_\_\_\_\_\_ for Christianity to spread around the world.

You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (ICB)

## What kind of change took place in the lives of the early Christians? They began to ACT like followers of Jesus!

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

- Is that the way you see Christians acting today?
- Do you act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God?
- Do you have PEACE OF MIND and know the PEACE OF CHRIST?
- Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Do you *really* love God, love others and live out the gospel life?

## **ANSWER KEY:**

To give every believer the **<u>SAME MIND</u>** that was in Christ Jesus.

- 1. Every believer **<u>RECEIVES THE HOLY SPIRIT</u>** when they accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- 2. It was **<u>GOD'S WILL</u>** for Christianity to spread around the world.