

Joel

1. Background
 - a. Sometime after 873 B.C.
 - b. Much kinder prophet
2. Why study the minor prophets?
 - a. God's Word
 - b. Some prophecies are quoted in the New Testament.
 - c. Rich end time themes and visions.

Joel 2:12-17

1. Return-Repent-180°
2. We see God does not want outward repentance but true repentance. Repentance from the heart.
3. When do we sing verse 13?
4. Does repenting save us from God's punishment?
 - a. Temporal vs. Eternal
5. What Joel tells the people to say in verse 17 is interesting and not always how we necessarily think, though we do use that language sometimes.

18-32

1. Why does God relent?
2. Near prophesy fulfillment, Christ fulfillment, end times fulfillment.
3. This is a public manifestation of the Holy Spirit. He has always been present.
 - a. Gen 1:2
 - b. Micah 3:8
 - c. 2 Samuel 23:2

4. A change in how God is going to operate. It is no longer through Levites and sacrifices. A new order is about to be established so a visible outpouring of the Spirit helps establish and confirm this for one can deny an obvious sign from God.

5. This is for all people, but the gift did not come for all.
 - a. Christ death and resurrection
 - i. Objective and subjective
 - b. Isaiah 49:26

6. In verses 30 and 31 we see that God is not playing around. This is meant for all people to see and to hear. He does not act in secret or in darkness.

7. Romans 10:12-13

8. Psalm 79:9

9. In verses 30-32 we see the typical signs for the end times. We need to remember that we are currently living in the end times. As we heard a few weeks ago, the 10 virgins are keeping watch. We too should keep watch for when Christ returns.