## Christ Fellowship

Series: Minor Prophets Lesson 2 Jerry Smith July 4, 2010

## "Joel"

## The LORD's call to repentance for His Day, the Day of YHWH, is on the horizon!

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## Peter's Reference to Joel's Prophecy Joel 2:28–32 Acts 2:14–21

Some scholars see Acts as the complete fulfillment of Joel. Others see a partial fulfillment. Still others see fulfillment on Pentecost and also fulfilled on Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent.

The phrase "the last days" may speak of the entire time from Pentecost to Christ's return but typically focus on the His 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent. There is no element of judgment similar to what Joel spoke of at Pentecost. Joel says the outpouring of the Spirit comes after Israel repents. At Pentecost the order is reversed with the Spirit outpouring on the Apostles before 3000 repented. Also, the 3000 who repented did not prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams. Their repentance did not result in Millennial blessings! Joel speaks of the entire nation repenting, not a token number. Peter even stopped his quote in the middle of Joel2.32 indicating he was not equating Pentecost with Joel's prophecy. Peter was using Joel's message for homiletical purposes. The same Spirit was at work and the same call was being given, repent! In a sense, "the day of the Lord" was even more certainly at hand with Christ's death and resurrection!