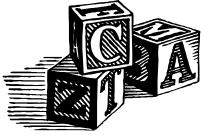


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

## "What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" (Mark 2:18-22).



**Basic Ideas** from Mark 2:18-22.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the new life that is in Christ Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose the new life of freedom over the old life of bondage.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting in the goodness of God.

**Basic Questions** from Mark 2:18-22.

1. What does this mean for the local church?
2. In what ways can we dilute the gospel's power through wrong associations (I am referring to the message, not physical or tangible alliances)?
3. Have we unknowingly made the new something other than good?

**Basic Application** from Mark 2:18-22.

1. What are the structures of our own age and culture that cannot coexist with the new wine of the Spirit?
2. What have we tried to sew Christianity onto that will cause a greater tear and undermine the faith itself?
3. In Jesus' day it was the legalistic spirit. What is it in your own life?
4. What is the element that destroys the gospel in your work, your community, your school, or your environment?