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 - d. and they were prophesying.
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6. Observations
 - a. These people had made a positive response toward God in the past, even though they didn't have all the facts.
 - b. Always make (and encourage) a positive response toward God.

B. What was going on here?

1. Acts is a book of transitions.
2. When and how was the Holy Spirit received in Acts?
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- e. Conclusion: It is difficult to make hard and fast rules in the book of Acts. It is a transitional book.

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5. Therefore speaking in tongues cannot be the universal sign of possessing the Holy Spirit or of being baptized by the Holy Spirit.
6. What is my responsibility in regard to the Holy Spirit? Ephesians 5:18. A = To be filled with the Spirit.
7. What will it look like if I am NOT filled with the Holy Spirit? Galatians 5:19-21
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