

THE **ACTS** OF FAITH

PIONEERS

WHATEVER, WHENEVER, HOWEVER... I'M IN



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WHATEVER

YES, I WILL (I WILL SACRIFICE MY COMFORTS)

WHENEVER

I'M IN (I WILL SACRIFICE MY PLANS)

HOWEVER

I'LL DO THAT (I WILL SACRIFICE MY WAYS)



GAME-CHANGER

DYNAMIC





MY WITNESSES

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

PETER Influential Leader

JAMES Passionate Fighter

JOHN Man of Conviction

ANDREW Servant Leader

PHILIP Detail Guy

BARTHOLOMEW The Scholar

MATTHEW Recovering Rebel

THOMAS Faithful Follower

JAMES Obscure One

THADDAEUS Hype Guy

SIMON An Activist

MATTHIAS The Replacement

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SIMON PETER

"The Influential Leader"

MAN OF Influence

Preeminent Apostle

MAN OF Aggression

He began to walk on the water

MAN OF Resolution

Never Lord!

MAN OF Volatility

Simon or Peter?



Who do people say the Son of Man is?



SIMON PETER

"The Influential Leader"

14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."



SIMON PETER

"The Influential Leader"

15 He said to them,
**"But who do you say
that I am?"** **16** Simon
Peter replied, "You
are the Christ, the Son
of the living God."

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SIMON PETER

"The Influential Leader"

17 And Jesus answered him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah!** For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.



SIMON PETER

"The Influential Leader"

18 And I tell you, **you are Peter**, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.



THE DENIAL OF PETER

LUKE 22:54-62

"Game Changing Moments"



THE **COMMISSION** OF PETER

JOHN 21:1-19

"Game Changing Moments"

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THE GAME-CHANGER

ACTS 2: 1-21

When the day of **PENTECOST** arrived, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like **a mighty rushing wind**, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

And **divided tongues as of fire** appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit**

And **began to speak in other tongues** as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews,
devout men from **every nation under heaven.**
And at this sound the multitude came together,

And they were bewildered, **because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.**

And they were amazed and astonished, saying,
"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
And how is it that we hear, **each of us in his
own native language?**

Parthians and
Medes and
Elamites and
residents of Mesopotamia,
Judea and
Cappadocia,
Pontus and
Asia,
Phrygia and
Pamphylia,
Egypt and the
parts of Libya
belonging to Cyrene, and
visitors from Rome,
Both Jews and Proselytes,
Cretans and Arabians

“We hear them telling
in our own tongues
the mighty works of God.”

ACTS 2: 1-21

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, **“What does this mean?”**



PENTECOST

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

1 Disciples in One Place

Altogether gathered in one place.

2 Wind and Fire

Suddenly, a sound like a mighty rushing wind.

3 Filled with the Holy Spirit

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

4 Speaking in Tongues

And they began to speak in tongues.

5 Every Nation Together

How is it we hear, each of us in our native language?

PENTECOST

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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Submission

Obeyed the command to stay in Jerusalem

Patience

Waited 10 days for the Spirit

Expectation

Launch of the Great Commission

PENTECOST

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- 1 Disciples in One Place
- 2 Wind and Fire**
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Powerful Event

Sound like a mighty Rushing Wind

Powerful Presence

Tongues like fire (symbolizing God's presence)

Powerful Visual

Distribution of His Spirit to every individual believer

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New Method

The Holy Spirit was coming to stay.

New Ministry

The Holy Spirit was coming to help.

New Empowerment

The Holy Spirit was coming to gift.

BAPTIZED?

□ **Who? ALL BELIEVERS**

1 Cor. 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

□ **When? ONCE @ SALVATION**

Eph. 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

□ **How Long? PERMANENT**

Eph. 1:13 When you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

FILLED?

□ **Who? ALL BELIEVERS**

Eph. 5:18 Do not be drunk with wine but be filled by the spirit.

□ **When? OFTEN AS YEILDED**

1 Thess. 5:19 Do not quench the Holy Spirit.

□ **How Come? FOR HELP**

John 14:16 And I will ask the father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever.

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Known Language

They spoke to the nations and they understood.

Clear Understanding

They heard in their native language.

Specific Ability

They were specifically given the gift.



Are tongues for today?

1. **Tongues usage was unique**

They were unique to the Apostles as an Authenticating Sign of their Ministry

2. **Tongues importance waned**

They were a gift that ceased to be listed in latest epistles.

3. **Tongues purpose was specific**

They were a sign to unbelieving Israel that God's salvation is for other nations.

4. **Tongues is a gift that ceases**

Paul said the gift would cease. Why wouldn't all foreign missionaries be given this gift?

5. **Tongues have been redefined**

The gift came with specific guidelines that are rarely met by the usage today.



Are tongues for today?

ONLY IF Done for Edification

Let all things be done for edification. 1 Cor. 14:26

ONLY IF Two, or at most Three

Two or at the most three. 1 Cor. 14:27

ONLY IF Each in a Turn

And each in turn. 1 Cor. 14:27

ONLY IF One is Interpreting

And one must interpret... or remain silent 1 Cor. 14:27-28

ONLY IF It's Understandable

If unintelligible, how will anyone know what is being said?

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Universal Work

1 COR. 12:13 "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."

Unifying Work

1 COR. 12:13 "- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit."



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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Fulfillment of OT Prophecy!

Fulfillment of the outpouring of the Spirit in prophecy. Isaiah 44:3

Empowerment of the Apostles!

Jesus promised to send a 'helper' John 14:15-17

Commencement of the Church!

I will pour out my Spirit in those days... and everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Joel 2:28-29, 32.

And all were
amazed and
perplexed,
saying to one
another,
**“What does
this mean?”**



But others
mocking
said,
**“They are
filled with
new wine.”**




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But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.



A stylized, high-contrast illustration of a man's head and shoulders in profile, facing right. He is wearing a dark turban and a white headscarf. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on his face and clothing against a dark background.

For these people are not drunk,
as you suppose, since it is only
the third hour of the day. **But
this is what was uttered
through the prophet Joel:**

ACTS 2: 1-21

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“And in the last days it shall be,
God declares, that **I will pour
out my Spirit** on all flesh, and
your sons and your daughters
shall prophesy, and your young
men shall see visions, and your
old men shall dream dreams;

ACTS 2: 1-21





Even on my male servants and female servants in those days I **will pour out my Spirit,** and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;





the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that **everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**





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10 WAYS TO BE THEIR GAME-CHANGER

“Prepared for Launch”

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10 WAYS TO BE SOMEONE'S

GAME-CHANGER

"Prepared for Launch"

10 'Do Life' with Them

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Follow Me"

9 Light their 'fire'

I will make you a fisher of men.

8 Cast a 'Together' Vision

On this rock I will build my church.

7 Be their Inspiration

I will call you "Peter."

6 Clarify 'The Wins'

The "great commission."

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4 Confront Attitudes

"Get thee behind me."

3 Let them Fail

"Jesus reached out his hand and caught him."

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"Do you love me more than these?"

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I will send my spirit to "be with you always."

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And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:24-25