

Acts 2 - Pentecost

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THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Two monumental promises made by Jesus in the gospels: the birth of the church and the coming of the Spirit...

"I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church... And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth." (Matt. 16:18; John 14:16-17)

Both of these came true at the same moment on the day of Pentecost...

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (Acts 2:1-3)

The baptism of the Holy Spirit - indwelt...

- **God's sovereign work** - *"Suddenly...came down from heaven... where they were sitting."*
- **Fulfilled in Jerusalem** - **"...they were all together in one place."*
- **Bestowed on all** - *"...and came to rest on each of them."**

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

(1 Cor. 12:13)

The filling with the Holy Spirit - empowered - *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:4)*

Tongues: the ability to speak in human languages, not angelic languages - *“Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked, ‘Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is that each of us hears them in his own native language?’” (Acts 2:5-8)*

Is God re-gathering the nations in Acts that He scattered in Genesis? - *“So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.” (Gen. 11:8-9)*

“Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” (Acts 2:9-13)

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls. (Joel 2:28a, 32)

Communion: the table of church unity...

And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor. 10:16b-17)

