

The Day of Pentecost

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Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

- God has perfect timing and a perfect plan.

A. The Holy Spirit has been given to believers.

B. The Spirit can be active in a Church that is unified.

Psalm 133:1-3 1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

- *Every individual is responsible for unity.*

Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Proverbs 26:20-21 Without wood a fire goes out; without a gossip a quarrel dies down. 21 As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife.

1. Wind symbolizes the active presence of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

John 3:8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

2. Fire symbolizes the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

Exodus 3:2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.

Ephesians 2:22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

C. The pattern of the Book of Acts is that when someone is filled with the Holy Spirit they experience Spirit-inspired speaking.

Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

D. The infilling of the Holy Spirit is for every believer.

Acts 2:39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

1. The Bible promises that the believer can be filled with the Holy Spirit subsequent to salvation.

Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

2. The believer is to repeatedly experience the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.