

Pentecost

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

READ Acts 10:44-48 While Peter was still saying these things the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared; ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Q: In verse 45 why were they amazed the Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles?

Q: Why is that good for us?

Q: Why did Peter command them to be baptized?

READ Acts 11: 1-3; 15-18 Now the Apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem the circumcision party criticized him saying, ³you went to uncircumcised men and ate with them. 15-18 As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord how he said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave the same the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ who was I that I could stand in the Lord's way? ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God saying, then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.

Q: Why was Peter criticized?

Q: What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Q: Why does repentance lead to life?

Q: What's your favorite part about this whole account?

Extra study: John 4:21-24