

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." 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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SIX MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BELIEVERS

He regenerates us. John 3:1-8

He baptizes us. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

He indwells us. Romans 8:9-11

He teaches us. John 14:26

He convicts us. John 16:7-11

He fills us. Ephesians 5:18ff

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- 8. They sought for the meaning of what they were witnessing. 2:12
- 9. Others who were present mocked what was happening, 2:13

Three practical points of application:

- (1) Knowing the Holy Spirit lives inside me gives me dedication and direction as I serve the Lord every day.
- (2) Having a biblical understanding of what happened on the day of Pentecost should clear up any confusion created by sensational interpretations that cloud the truths at hand.
- (3) Whenever I speak the Word of God some who hear me will find meaning while others will resort to mocking.

THE BIGIDEA:

God is always doing something amazing even in the mundane grind of a faithful life dedicated to Him. Something amazing is always possible in the mundane grind of a faithful life because we serve SOMEONE AMAZING - JESUS!