

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were *filled*

Acts 1:7-8

⁷ Jesus said to his disciples: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2:1-14

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Acts 2:37-39

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 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. A fiery filling

▼ Strange sights and sounds appeared

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▼ Spiritual strength and supply arrived

Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit

▼ Supernatural speaking arose

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2. A curious crowd

▼ Some were curious

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▼ Some were critical

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3. An answer from an apostle

▼ Peter preached from Joel

► This is a prophecy from Scripture

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► This is a pouring out of the Spirit

Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

► This is a prophecy of salvation

Acts 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

▼ Peter preached about Jesus

► Jesus ministered miraculously

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

► Jesus died dramatically

Acts 2:23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

► Jesus arose and ascended

Acts 2:32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God,

► Jesus is the Sender of the Spirit

Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

4. A blessing for believers

▼ This gift of the Holy Spirit is a promise and priority for all believers

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 Holy Spirit lives within every Christian believer (Romans 8:15-16); and to every believer is promised and available an additional baptism with the Holy Spirit, a gift of spiritual strength and empowerment (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Luke 11:13; Acts 2:39; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 9:17). The pursuit and receiving of this promise was prioritized by Jesus, the apostles, and the laity of the early church.

2. When believers are baptized with the Holy Spirit, they begin to speak with other tongues, unlearned and unknown to them, but given by God (Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6).

▼ The gift of the Holy Spirit is precious and powerful to believers

► The Spirit brings passion and praise

John 16:14 *The Spirit* will bring glory to me (*Jesus*) by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

► The Spirit brings purging and purifying

¹ Thessalonians 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;

► The Spirit brings power and purpose

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

► The Spirit brings power to our praying

¹ Corinthians 14:2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. — ⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...