

Series "God At Work" Book of Acts
"The Holy Spirit"
Acts 2:1-13
Study 4

Key Words of The Book of Acts: Spirit, Holy Spirit - 83 times

Key Verse of The Book of Acts: Acts 1:8

The Key Chapter: Acts 2 The Baptism, Filling of The Holy Spirit

Note the response to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit! Acts 2:12

Thought of our Passage: "The Promise Of The Holy Spirit Was Fulfilled Miraculously, As Jesus Had Promised."

- 1. Verses 1-4 Evidence of The Holy Spirit**
- 2. Verses 5-13 Effects of The Holy Spirit**

1. Verses 1-4 Evidence of The Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, - We left off with the fact that Jesus Christ was resurrected; He then ascended into heaven and told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem. **Acts 1: The Promise of the Holy Spirit, Now Acts 2 Is The Fulfillment.**

day of Pentecost had come, - Leviticus 23 Records Seven Feasts of Israel. Each one of these Feasts is fulfilled in Jesus.

Feasts 1-4 at His Coming and Ascension.

The last three, at His Second Coming:

5th Feast of Trumpets: Represents the rapture, the resurrection of believers.

6th Day of Atonement: The Second Coming of Jesus.

7th Feast of Tabernacles: Looks forward to the millennial kingdom

1st Feast of Passover: (Fulfilled - At Calvary) This was Israel's first feast of the calendar year. Israel's feast of deliverance; **Exodus 12.**

Meaning: *Jesus the Lamb died for our sins.* **(2 Corinthians 5:21)**

2nd Feast of Unleavened Bread: (Fulfilled – Jesus' Burial) Followed Passover. **Leaven** - depicts sin. **Meaning:** *The Christian Life is marked by Fellowship and Separation from Sin.*

3rd Feast of First Fruits: (Fulfilled – Jesus' Resurrection) Took place on the first day of the week. The Jews weren't allowed to eat of the harvest until the first fruits had been given to the Lord **(Leviticus 23:14).**

Meaning: *Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week— Jesus, Raised From The Dead, Our Future Resurrection.*

4th Feast of Pentecost: (Fulfilled - The Coming of The Holy Spirit)
(The word "**Pentecost**" means "fiftieth" or "Five-Tens") "*The Feast of Weeks,*" Fifty days after the Feast of Passover. This Feast is described in **Leviticus 23:15-21.**

Meaning: *It was on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, that we commemorate the resurrection of Christ, the coming of the Spirit, and the birth of the church.*

they were all together in one place. - "*One accord or with one mind all together.*"

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven - The origin is from God

The Bible Contains Both "Descriptive" and "Prescriptive" Writing.

Pentecost Was Not The Result of What The Disciples Did: Acts 1:14

The Holy Spirit Was Manifested in 3 Ways:

- 1. Holy Spirit Was Manifested In Sound: from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind,** - Literally "*an echoing sound as of a mighty wind borne violently.*"
wind – meant "*spirit*" in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, because of the way it is pronounced, it also meant "*breath.*"

Apart From God, Man Is A Lifeless Corpse: Genesis 2:7

Apart From God's Spirit, Man Is Spiritually Lifeless: John 3:8; Ephesians 2:1; Isaiah 2:22

Pentecost Was God Breathing or God Giving Spiritual Life - and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. They were praying!

- 2. Holy Spirit Was Manifested in Visible Tongues of Fire: Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them**

tongues - symbolized "*the witness that God was going to bring through the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit.* **Acts 1:18 witnesses.**

as of fire symbolized "*God in all of His purity, cleansing and power, brightness.*" **Genesis 15:17 Hebrews 12:29; Isaiah 6:7; Revelation 1:14**

*Fire brings Light
Fire brings Warmth*

Matthew 3:11

distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

Here, the Spirit of God is resting upon each child of God equally, not just the Apostles.

- 3. Holy Spirit Was Manifested In Tongues: Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit -** This event of Pentecost happened once. **John 14:17; John 20:22**

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit – Pentecost, a Filling and a Baptism.

Filled – fullness is used **14 times** in the NT **four times** before Pentecost. More in line with OT than the New Testament experience. There is **Ephesians 5:18**. The other **nine times** are in **Acts**. Each time, the believer would forcefully and with power witness for the Lord.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:5 Baptized – “to dip, submerge, or to dye” **1 Corinthians 12:13**

After being baptized by the Holy Spirit we will be filled many times by the Holy Spirit. We yield ourselves to Him, and He takes more of us, not more of Him.

Acts 4:8, 31; 6:5; 7:55; 9:17; Ephesians 5:18-21

other tongues – same as our word “*dialect, same as language.*”

The Baptism of the Spirit, I belong to Christ’s body, The Filling of the Holy Spirit, my body belongs to Christ.

2. Verses 5-13 Effects of The Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:5 Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. This is a Jewish audience that God has assembled for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, this sound like a violent rushing wind, accompanied by the disciples speaking in other tongues.

and were bewildered, “to perplex (the mind), confound, confuse, stir up”

The Purpose of Speaking In Tongues: because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. The languages of the visiting Jews.

Acts 1-7 Witness to Jerusalem - and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, - Started at Pentecost with tongues.

Acts 2:7 They were amazed and astonished, – *"to put out of wits, or, insane, be beside oneself, wonder."* Did you see and hear that?

saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" This is when God gets the glory. God's Spirit had been poured out on what the world would call common.

Acts 2:8 Here are common, everyday persons speaking multiple languages.

Verses 9-11 Sixteen Nations: Acts 2:9-11

we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." This is the interpretation of the tongues - **speaking of the mighty deeds of God."**

Acts 2:12 "What does this mean?" Ignorance is a blow to man's pride.

amazement and great perplexity, - I can't believe what I am seeing and hearing.

saying to one another, "What does this mean?" *It means that God is now dwelling in the life of the believer; The birth of the Church; The power of God has come.*

Acts 2:13 But others were mocking - Pride drives to criticism.

Application:

1. Being Physically Alive Is Not The Same As Being Spiritually Alive. We Can Be Physically Alive, Soullessly Active, But Spiritually Dead. We Need A New Birth.
2. The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit Happens At Conversion, Which Is The Placing Of The New Believer Into The Family Of God.
3. The Same Holy Spirit Of Acts 2 Is In Every Believer Today. When We Are Born Again, The Holy Spirit Indwells Us.
4. Like The Early Disciples, We Need To Cultivate An Attitude Of Perpetual Emptiness That Brings With It Perpetual Fullness In Acts 2.