

The Power of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-39)

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Acts 1:4-5 (NIV) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 (NIV) 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."

John 20:21-22 (NIV) Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

1. What was the _____ of Pentecost?

1A. The believers were _____ in unity

Acts 1:14a, 2:1 (NIV) They all joined together constantly in prayer ... When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

1B. All were baptized in the _____

Acts 2:2-3 (NIV) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

1C. All the believers spoke in other _____

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

2. What is the _____ of Pentecost?

2A. In the _____, God promises to pour out His Spirit

Acts 2:17-18 (NIV) 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'

2B. The main purpose of Pentecost is _____ of the lost

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

2C. _____ Himself has poured out the Spirit

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

3. What is the _____ of Pentecost?

3A. Repent, be baptized and _____ the gift of the Spirit

Acts 2:38 (NIV) 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.

3B. The promise of the Spirit is for _____ believer

Acts 2:39 (NIV) The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call."

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Intro. The Bible records God's power being expressed from Genesis to Revelation. How would you respond to someone who says that God's supernatural power is no longer available?

Why did Jesus command His followers to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5)?

In what ways is Acts 1:8 the key verse for the entire book of Acts?

What is significant about the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit in John 20:21-22, prior to Pentecost?

Why was casting lots as a method of determining God's will never repeated after Pentecost (Acts 1:24-26)?

1A. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' command to wait for the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14a, 2:1)?

1B. What did the violent wind and the tongues of fire symbolize at Pentecost (Acts 2:2-3)?

1C. How is speaking in tongues a cooperation between a person and the Spirit (Acts 2:4)?

1D. What did the crowd think of the disciples speaking in tongues (Acts 2:6-8, 12-13)?

2A. How did Joel's prophecy in Acts 2:17-18 provide an explanation for what happened at Pentecost?

2B. How does the entire prophecy in Acts 2:17-21 demonstrate that the baptism in the Spirit was for the entire period of the last days?

2C. What is the main purpose of Pentecost (Acts 2:21)?

2D. What was Jesus' role in Pentecost (Acts 2:33)?

3A. What was the three-fold command that Peter gave to the crowd at Pentecost (Acts 2:38)? Explain how obedience requires faith for each step.

3B. In what way does Acts 2:39 demonstrate that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is for every believer of all time?

3C. What questions do you have about receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit?