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Acts – Pentecost Power – Acts 2:1-13

Introduction

- We need the Holy Spirit's power to live as followers of Jesus Christ.
- Ten days after the selection of Mathias, the Day of Pentecost came.

The Spirit-Filled Believers came together I v.1-4

- Acts 2:1 – *“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.”*

What is Pentecost?

- “The day of Pentecost was an annual feast that followed the Feast of First fruits by a week of weeks (i.e., seven weeks, or 49 days) and therefore also was called the Feast of Weeks (cf. Lev. 23:15–22). The name “Pentecost,” of Greek derivation, means 50 because it was the 50th day after the Firstfruits feast (Lev. 23:16)”¹
- They were all together -120
- They experienced a Violent Wind.
 - Acts 2:2 – *“Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.”*
- They saw tongues of fire.
 - Acts 2:3 – *“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”*
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - Acts 2:4 – *“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^a as the Spirit enabled them.”*

What is the Baptism, Filling and Fullness of the Holy Spirit?

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit – One-time experience at salvation.
 - 1Cor 12:13; Eph 1:13-14;
- Filling of the Holy Spirit – Happens many times.
 - Eph 5:15-20 – “Keep on being filled.” Day by day, moment by moment, yielding and obedience to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
 - Exodus 31:3; 35:31; Acts 4:8, 31; 13:52

- The Fullness of the Holy Spirit.
 - Eph 3:19; 4:13; Col 1:19,25; 2:6,9,10 – We mature in Christ so that the Holy Spirit influences our lives.

They Were Speaking in Other Tongues.

- “Most evangelical scholars believe the tongues of Pentecost were genuine languages, not the ecstatic sounds Paul dealt with at Corinth (1Cor 14:1-12). Two arguments rise strongly to emphasize that these tongues represented languages not previously learned. First, the word *dialektos* in verses 6 and 8 can only refer to a language or dialect. Second, the following paragraph (vv. 5–12) emphasizes that people of different languages understood the message of the Christians in their own language.”²
- **The Holy Spirit moves us to a Holy and Pure Lifestyle for Mission and Ministry.**

The God-fearing Religious Crowd Came Together I v.5-13

- Acts 2:5-6 – *“Now, there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment because each one heard their own language being spoken.”*
 - Jewish people living in Jerusalem – Hebraic Jews
 - Jewish people living in other countries – Hellenistic Jews (Greek and Roman world.)
 - Galilean believing Jews - The Apostles - First church members.
- The God-fearing Crowd came from the known world and heard the praises and wonders of God in their native language. (v. 7- 12)
- Two Reactions
 - Amazed and Perplexed. What does it mean? (v.12)
 - They Mocked the Spirit-Filled Christians. They had too much wine. (v.13)
- The Holy Spirit brings together these divisions of Israel.
- What is the Spirit-filled life? Ephesians 5:15-20 – It is a saved follower of Jesus Christ, who is living a wise and godly lifestyle that pleases the will of the Father. (Romans 14:17; Romans 15:13)
- **The Spirit-filled believers came together with the God-fearing religious crowd to discover the Gospel of Jesus Christ saves!**

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