

POWER FROM HEAVEN
Acts 2:1-13

Acts 1

- ~ the Son of God ascended
- ~ the apostles waiting for power
- ~ a ministry of patience

Acts 2

- ~ the Spirit of God descends
- ~ the apostles witnessing in power
- ~ a ministry of preaching

What is the "day of Pentecost?" (Acts 2:1) Why were so many people gathered in Jerusalem at this time? (Acts 2:5, 8-11)

The Jewish people have what they call three Pilgrim Festivals:

1. Feast of Unleavened Bread
Exodus 23:14-15; Leviticus 23:6-8
2. Feast of Harvest / Weeks (Pentecost)
Exodus 23:16a; Leviticus 23:15-21
3. Feast of Ingathering / Booths / Tabernacles
Exodus 23:16b; Leviticus 23:33-43

I. *The Holy Spirit Came* vv. 1-3

A. *Previously His Presence Had Been Temporary*

1. *At creation* *Genesis 1:1-2*
2. *In Old Testament history*
Judges 6:24; 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14
I Samuel 10:10
3. *In the life and ministry of Jesus*
Luke 1:30-37; 4:1, 14; Acts 10:38

B. *Now His Presence Would Be Permanent*

John 14:16-17

C. *Signs of the Holy Spirit*

1. *Sound of a mighty wind* v. 2
2. *Sight of tongues of fire* v. 3

II. *The Holy Spirit Filled* v. 4

A. *Baptized by the Spirit*
Acts 1:5
I Corinthians 12:13

- ~ *I belong to His body*
- ~ *baptism is final*.

B. *Filled with the Spirit*
Ephesians 5:18

- ~ *my body belongs to Him*
- ~ *filling can be repeated*
Acts 4:8, 31; 9:17, 20; 13:9

III. *The Holy Spirit Spoke* vv. 4-13

A. *The Result* vv. 4-11

They spoke in a known language. vv. 4, 6, 8, 11

B. *The Reasons*

1. *Pentecost was a reversal of God's judgment at the Tower of Babel when God confused the languages.*

Tower of Babel
Genesis 11:1-9

- ~ *God scattered the people*
- ~ *people unable to understand each other*
- ~ *designed to praise men*
- ~ *an act of rebellion*

Pentecost

- ~ *God united the believers in the Spirit*
- ~ *people understood what was said*
- ~ *brought praise to God*
- ~ *a ministry of submission to God*

2. *The Gospel was for the whole world.*

C. *The Reactions*

1. *The people were amazed and marveled.* vv. 7, 12a
John 1:45-46; 7:45-52; Acts 4:13
 2. *The people were in doubt and skeptical.* v. 12b
 3. *The people mocked.* v. 13
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