

# Pentecost

Acts 2:1-41

## 1. Intro

### 1. Overview

1. The coming of the Holy Spirit; Peter's sermon which quotes OT prophet's and brings attention to who this Jesus is that the Israelites had just crucified.

### 2. Define Pentecost

1. Fifty days after Passover. Known as the day of the firstfruits (Ex 23:16) when the firstfruits of their harvest was presented to God.

2. Marks the completion of the redemptive work of Jesus. He is the "firstfruits" from the dead (1 Cor 15:20)

## 2. The Spirit Described

### 1. Holy Spirit is equated with Living Water

1. OT usage of spirit to come = pour out (Is 44:1-5; 55:1)

2. Woman at well (John 4:10)

3. Streams of living water (John 7:37-39)

1. spoken publicly for all who would believe

### 2. Guiding Spirit

1. Job 32:8; John 14:26; 16:13-15

## 3. The Spirit Comes

1. Acts 2 is primarily presented to the Jews – they know who God is.

1. They are from many different countries (9-10)

2. Coming of the Holy Spirit sets the state to what follows (in NT)

3. OT

1. The Spirit coming upon men in OT was the sovereign choice of God

1. It was not man's initiative, but they man responded

1. Skilled workers who built the tabernacle (Ex 31:3); Joseph (Gen 41:38), David, Saul, Joshua, Gideon, Elisha, Isaiah, Daniel.

4. Same situation here, men were waiting and God showed up. (1:4)

1. The Spirit came upon the apostles and thus the church was born. (Last weeks wind)

2. Spoke to devout men (5)

5. Phenomenon of Acts 2:1-4 gives birth to the meaning of the event (Peter's sermon)

1. Don't miss the message by focusing on the phenomenon (tongues)

1. Three other events

1. Samaritans – Acts 8:14-27

2. Cornelius – Acts 10:44-48

3. Other Gentiles – Acts 19:1-7

## 4. Joel's Prophecy

1. He foretold of a day when all people would be able to receive the Holy Spirit. (Joel 2:28-32)

1. It was the salvation that man needed as presented through Jesus Christ. (17-18)
2. But it also foretold the “Day of the Lord” which indicated judgment (19-21)
3. This prophecy was both a blessing and a curse.
  1. It brought salvation to them yet it let them know that there would also be a time of judgment.

## 5. The Message

1. He did miracles and signs and wonders (22)
  1. You should have known.
2. God's plan let you nail Him to the cross (23)
3. But death would not be able to hold Him (24)
  1. Even King David knew (27)
  2. We (disciples) were a witness to His resurrection (32)
4. You were looking for the Messiah; you found Him and put Him to death (36)
5. The Spirit can now be given to all (38)
6. The Church is born (39)

## 6. Conclusion

1. The promised Spirit has come.
  1. He empowers men to do what they couldn't do before.
  2. He resides in those who believe in Jesus, never to leave.
2. He brings to us the knowledge of salvation through Jesus, and also brings with Him the knowledge of a coming judgment.
3. He is available to men and women everywhere (Rev 22:17)