

Bible Study: Day of Pentecost: Acts 2:1-41

Read Acts 1:4-8

4 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.”

1. Discuss: What is your understanding of the phrases: “baptized with the Holy Spirit” or “the Holy Spirit comes on you?”
2. What do you feel was the purpose of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Do you feel it is the same today/active today?
3. What evidence could you point to that shows the Spirit’s power at work in your life or the life of our church?

READ ACTS 2:1-13.

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

4. What happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers? How do you interpret these signs?
5. How does being filled with the Holy Spirit affect your view of your Christian faith and life?
6. How does having the Holy Spirit's power make a difference in how you have been able to serve God?

Application

7. Based on our study today, why would you say it is essential to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
8. As a member of the church, how does the Spirit enable you to share the gospel and join in the church's mission? What is your next step in the mission?