

“The Filling of the Holy Spirit”

Acts 2:1-13

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^[a] 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 their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] **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.”

1. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came onto the 120 followers of Christ, on the day of Pentecost in the form of tongues of fire and a violent wind. What does the fire and wind represent about the Holy Spirit? How did the coming of the Holy Spirit change the church and what does the Holy Spirit mean to your life?
2. The Holy Spirit empowered and enabled the disciples to speak miraculously about the wonders of God to the people in their own language. When was the last time you’ve witnessed (or surprised by) God doing something miraculous in your life?
3. When the people witnessed the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit, they asked themselves “What does this mean?” and wondered how they should respond to what they have heard. What is the Holy Spirit doing in your life and how will you respond?