



ACTS

The Arrival of the Holy Spirit

**The early disciples are equipped
with the power of God's presence
for the task of making disciples of
all nations.**

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered,

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹

Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Acts 2:5-6 (ESV)

**Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews,
devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶
And at this sound the multitude came together,
and they were bewildered, because each one
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Acts 2:7-8 (ESV)

**And they were amazed and astonished, saying,
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And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own
native language?**

Acts 2:11b-13 (ESV)

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Truth

- **God is powerful ... but not controllable**
- **This is a miraculous demonstration of the mighty presence of the Holy Spirit to equip his people to make disciples**
- **Pentecost demonstrates that God keeps his promises**

Luke 24:44-49 (ESV)

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them,

Luke 24:44-49 (ESV)

“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:44-49 (ESV)

⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Truth

- **The Holy Spirit's ministry is that of emphasizing Christ**

“I remember walking to a church one winter evening to preach on the words ‘he shall glorify me,’ seeing the building floodlit as I turned a corner, and realizing that this was exactly the illustration my message needed. When floodlighting is well done,

the floodlights are so placed that you do not see them; you are not in fact supposed to see where the light is coming from; what you are meant to see is just the building on which the floodlights are trained. The intended effect is to make it visible when otherwise it would not be seen for the darkness,

and to maximize its dignity by throwing all its details into relief so that you see it properly. This perfectly illustrates the Spirit's new covenant role. He is, so to speak, the hidden floodlight shining on the Savior. Or think of it this way. It is as if the Spirit stands behind us,

throwing light over our shoulder, on Jesus, who stands facing us. The Spirit's message is never, 'Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me,' but always 'Look at him, and see his glory; listen to him, and hear his word; go to him, and have life; get to know him, and taste his gift of joy and peace.'" J. I. Packer

Truth

- **The Holy Spirit's ministry is that of emphasizing Christ**
- **The Holy Spirit breathes life into the dead**
- **The gospel is for everyone**
- **The Holy Spirit equips and empowers us to make disciples of all nations**

Truth

- **There are two reactions to the message of God**
 - **we messengers aren't responsible for either**

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