# Acts 2:1; to 2:13; "The Day of Pentecost."

Acts 2:1-48;
THE HOLY SPIRIT
COMES WITH POWER.





The importance of Acts 2
Acts Chapter two and the day of Pentecost are significant for many reasons it lays a foundation for many beliefs that are true and many that are false.

If we fail to understand some things here we will make false assumptions elsewhere.

If we can understand what Luke Is trying to get across to us, it becomes the foundation for the rest of the book.

# The importance of Acts 2 As we have noted in the book of Acts There are some chapters that we will deal with that has only one major instance and we will perhaps go quite quickly.

And there are instances where the subject is a little more difficult. And as we deal with them, then obviously it will take more time.

Overview of Acts Chapter 2.

The PROMISE fulfilled.

The Christ's New Family, His Body,
His called out people, His Kingdom
is established.

This reminds us that Jesus said that He was going to die but God would give the Apostles another comforter. John 14:16;

And now I will send the Holy Spirit upon you, just as my Father promised. Don't begin telling others yet, stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven. Luke 24:49;

Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world in a special way to establish the Apostles as witnesses of The Christ.

2:1-13;

The APOSTLES FILLED with the HOLY SPIRIT and SPEAK in other LANGUAGES.

As well as bringing to the Apostles rememberance all that Jesus had done and said and guiding the apostles into all truth.

The crowds were attracted by some miraculous sight and sound and the Apostles were given a gift of Languages to convince those listening that the message they were about to hear was from God.

Acts 2:14-36;

The Holy Spirit through Peter Convicts the crowd of SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGEMENT, as fortold by Jesus. John 16:8;

Peter standing with the other Apostles began to use the Keys of the kingdom.

The power to loose men from their sins. To call all men to a knowledge of the truth and an opportunity of salvation.

Or bind them in their sins for judgement.

Matt 16:19; 18:18;

Acts 2:14-36; v14-24; Prophecy of Joel Fulfillment of the COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT and PROMISE OF JUDGEMENT ON JERUSALEM for Unfaithfulness, disobedience and sinfulness.

v25-32; JESUS the PROOF through PROPHECY. v33-36; JESUS –EXALTED and ENTHRONED.

Peter preaches to the crowd about the prophecy of Joel. How today (The Day of Pentecost) it has a fulfillment.

Joel's prophecy Is beginning to be fulfilled.
It will take more than 40 years to be complete
It includes the Message that
the Holy Spirit has come into the world.

The Holy Spirit has given gifts to the Apostles to demonstrate and confirm that the message of the gospel is true.

Later will continue to confirm the message by giving gifts by the laying on of the apostles hands until followers all come to a fuller knowledge and maturity in Christ. Ephesians 4:13;

The gifts will continue until the complete revelation of God's message has been revealed. 2 Pet 1:19-21; 2 Tim 3:15-16; 1 Tim 3:15; Jude 3;

Peter's sermon includes the message that in a short period (aprox 40 years) Jerusalem is to be destroyed.

WHY? Because of the Jews hard hearts, their unwillingness to accept Jesus as their saviour, their unfaithfulness to God as a nation, their continuing sinfulness.

See Rom chapters 9 to 11;

They had been brought into being by God.

Chosen as a nation to bring people to a knowledge of God and that one day through that nation bring a Saviour for all mankind.

# That day has arrived, the Saviour has come, The Jews as a Nation had fulfilled their purpose.

And the unique special relationship
God had with the children of Israel will have
come to an end, as all men both Jew and Gentile
are to submit through the call of the gospel
to Jesus Christ as their Lord.

No longer Jew and Gentile but one new man in Christ Jesus. Eph 2:11-18;

### Acts 2:25-35; Jesus the crucifed one is exalted as King.

Peter uses the Keys of the kingdom, the gospel to call all men to a knowledge of the truth and an opportunity of salvation.

2:37-41;
RESPONSE to the Gospel.
(What is the gospel? 1 Cor 15:1-8;)
INSPIRED conditions of PARDON. Mark 16:16;
The Lord's Body / Kingdom ESTABLISHED.

Acts 2:37-41; There are 3,000 who respond in faithful Obedience to the gospel. Rom 1:5; 16:26; 1 Cor 15:1-8;

Those who by hearing Peter preaching the gospel Rom 10:17; and through that word were convinced of their sin, by the Holy Spirit.

Responded in faithfull obedience in repentance and baptism were saved by the blood of Jesus, and received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38-39;

They responded to the message and command of the King of Kings, Jesus our Lord, who is seated at the right hand of God.

They were Added by Jesus to His Kingdom, the Called Out people, the New Covenant family of God, the new body of which Christ was the head.

Having been Transferred from the kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of the Lord, willing to live in subjection and obedience having given their lives to Jesus.

They had become the first fruits added by Jesus to the Body of Christ, in His new Kingdom under the special relationship of obedience and submission

# 2:42-47; The Called Out into the New Kingdom continue steadfastly. Col 1:13-14;

These new children of God continue steadfasty in the Apostles Doctrine (teaching) the Fellowship (giving) The Breaking of Bread (the Lord's supper) and the Prayers. (Public prayers)

This simple pattern has been continued by God's family down through time, even continuing today.

## Acts 2 is often described as:"the Hub of the Bible"

Roper describes Acts 2 as:"The Pinnacle of God's eternal plans and purposes."

Paul wrote "The purpose of this was, that now, through the Called Out, the principalities and ruling forces should learn how many-sided God's wisdom is, according to the plan which He had formed from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Eph 3:10-11)

The Life, death, burial and resurrection and ascension of Jesus the Christ to reign at the right hand of God. Rom 1:4;

This Good News Proclaimed in Acts 2
This message of salvation.

That through the blood of Jesus,
Men and Women can have their sins forgiven,
If they respond to this message in faithful
obedience, they can be brought back
into a right relationship with God.

This had been in the mind of God from all eternity. Gen 3:15; 12:1-4;

Acts 2:1-4;
On the day of Pentecost,
seven weeks after Jesus' resurrection,
the Apostles were all together in one place.

Suddenly, a noise came from the sky. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on their heads.

The apostles were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak different languages; the Spirit gave them the power to do this.

Something special and spectacular took place in this 2nd chapter of Acts.

It was an event, the like of which had never taken place before.

In the first chapter of Acts, we saw the preparations for that event.

There is an interesting contrast to be made between the first two chapters of Acts.

The first is the chapter of PROMISE.

The second is the chapter of FULFILLMENT.

In each chapter, Peter serves as the spokesman.

### The theme of the book of Acts is summed up in Acts 1:8; the witness of the Apostles.

Acts 2

Witnesses are prepared

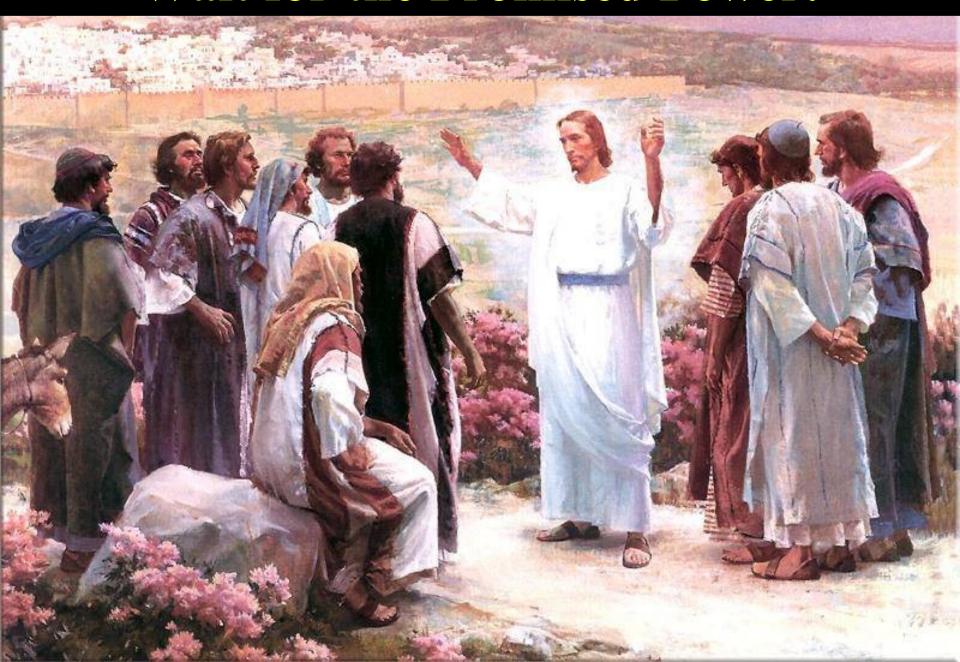
Acts 1

**Preparing the witnesses** 

Christ Ascends to Heaven	ine Holy Spirit comes			
Apostles Equipped	Apostles Empowered			
by the Christ	by the Holy Spirit			
Apostles to be witnesses to the ends of the earth	The ends of the earth come to listen to the Apostles			
Chap 1 is preparatory to the witness of the Apostles.				

Chap 2 begins that work of being a witness.

### Wait for the Promised Power!



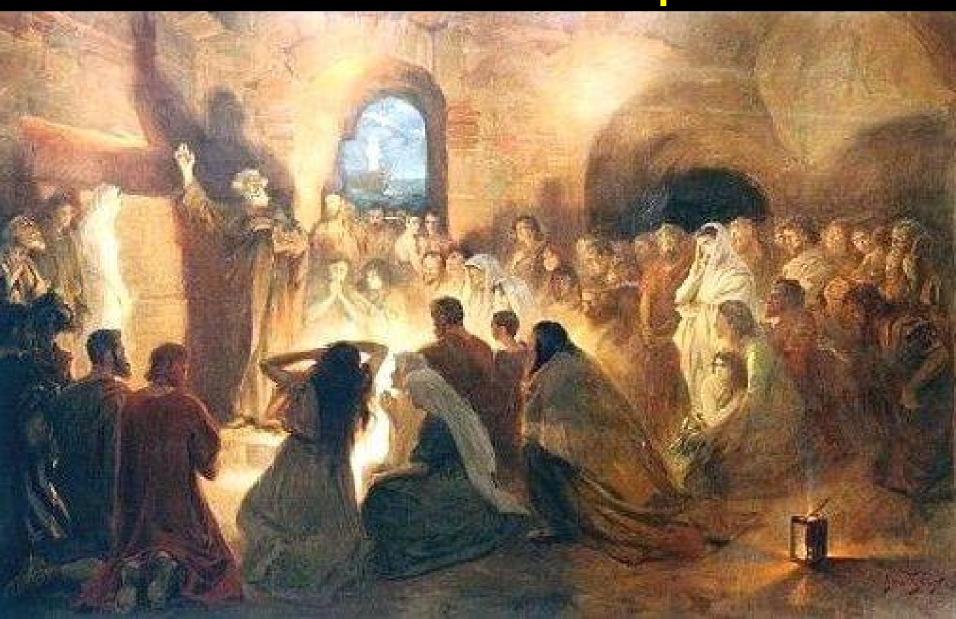
In Acts 1
Jesus had chosen twelve apostles
to represent Him
and His New Covenant People on earth.

One of them, Judas Iscariot had betrayed Him and committed suicide.

Jesus had continued appearing to the remaining apostles and disciples teaching them for forty days after His resurrection.

Then He ascended to heaven.

### Matthias has been chosen by God to be One of the Twelve Apostles.



### Acts 2:1-5; The importance of Pentecost. A Gap in the Chronology.

There is an unfortunate division between Chapters one and two. Sometimes the divisions are helpful divisions and sometimes not so helpful.

When the 120 met with the apostles in the upper room to appoint a twelfth apostle to take Judas' place, it was on one of the seven days between the ascension and the Day of Pentecost.

# Remember Matthias being added to the twelve and Judas died and in Acts 1:21; to the end it says Let someone else take over his office.

Acts 1:21; "Out of the men who have been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was living with us, 22. from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us, one must be appointed to serve with us as a witness to his resurrection."

- 23. "Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, 24. they prayed, "Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two You have chosen?"
  - 25. "to take over this ministry and apostleship, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place."
    26. They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he became an apostle with the other eleven.

So We notice that the whole chapter 1:15-27; deals with this choice of one to become one of the 12 to receive the promised baptism of the Holy Spirit.

So we see these two men were put forward with very specific and detailed background qualifications. He had to have been with Jesus so that he would also receive the gift of recall of all that Jesus said.

And like the other apostles He would receive a gift of the knowledge of all truth pertaining to the reconciliation of man back to God.

And Mathias would be given gifts to confirm this Message of the gospel to the Jews and to the world.

Acts 2:1-4; The importance of Pentecost.

Now it is on a later day, on the Pentecost Day,
that the Apostles were all together in one place
and the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Acts 2:1-4;

"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."

"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."

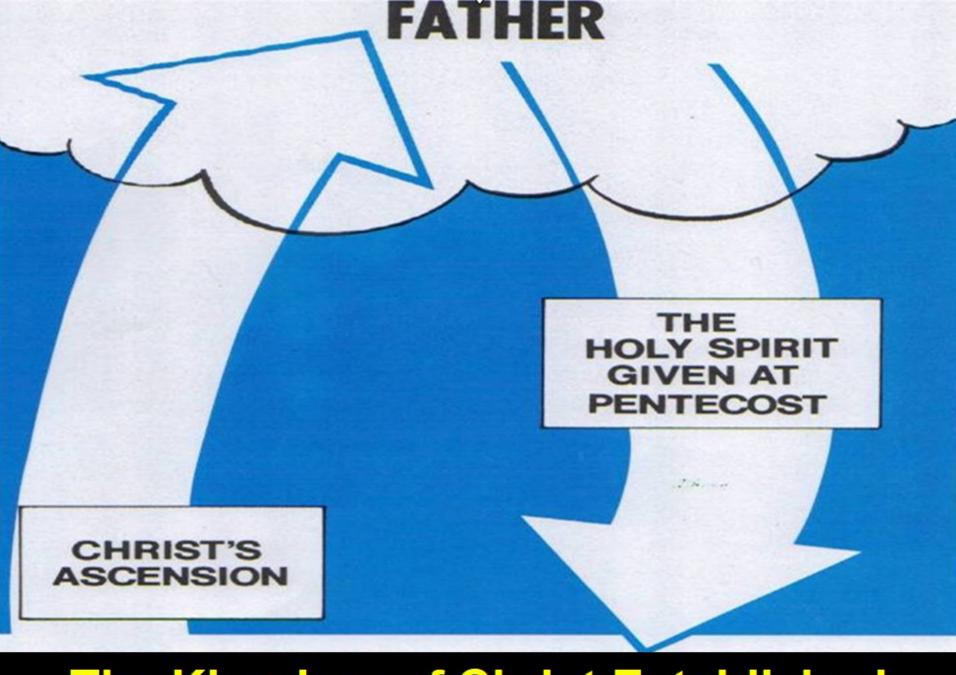
"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them."

#### **Acts 2:1-5; The importance of Pentecost.**

Seven days before this Pentecost Day, on the day Jesus ascended, He had commanded His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the "Power from on High," the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles needed this power so that they could be Christ's witnesses and remember all that Jesus had taught. (1:8;)

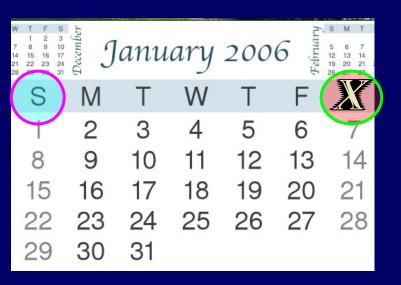
The Holy Spirit would confirm their message. They could perform the miraculous signs that confirmed the oral message and so they could lay their hands on others and give them a miraculous gift also. (Acts 6:6-8; 8:8-19;)



The Kingdom of Christ Established

Acts 2:1; "When Pentecost day had fully come, they had all met together."

#### When the DAY OF PENTECOST had FULLY COME.



The SABBATH is OVER.

Fully is the idea of complete, it means that the Sabbath or Saturday was gone, it was complete. Saturday is the preceding day! Sunday is the following day and is the first day of the week.

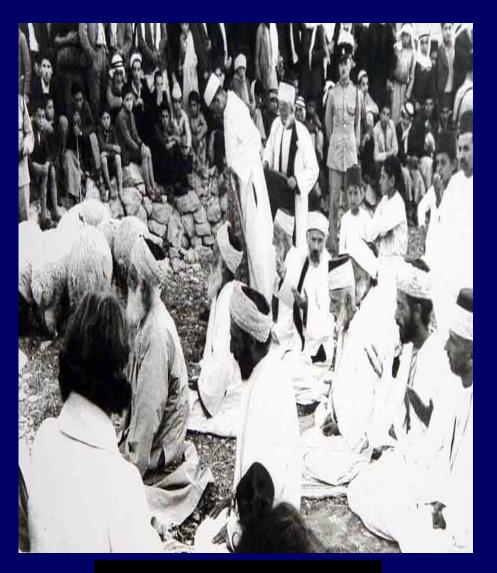
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# Pentecost was one of Three feasts that everyone tried to attend Exod 23:14-17; Deut 16:16;



Passover. Lev 23:5-6; Pentecost. Lev 23:15-17; Tabernacles. Lev 23:34;

#### **Acts 1:1-5; The importance of Pentecost.**





Passover.

**Pentecost** 

Acts 2:1; "When Pentecost day came round, they had all met together."

Pentecost = fiftieth.
What was Pentecost? It was a feast day.
Leviticus 23:15-21;

It was known among the Jews as:Feast of the weeks. Exod 34:22-23; Deut 16:10;
Feast of the Harvest. Exod 23:16; Lev 23:16;
Feast of ingathering. Exod 34:22;
Feast of firstfruits. Num 28:26-31;

Pentecost was always on the first day of week.

Lev 23:15-16;

Sunday, the Lord's day became the day

of significance for Christians,

not the Sabbath. Col 2:14-17;

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There were Three Springtime Feasts.				
Passover	Firstfruits	Pentecost		
14th of Nisan	First day of the week following the Passover	50 days after Passover		
Passover lamb slain & eaten in a meal	Sheaves of grain waved before the	Two loaves of bread prepared from the		

house of the Lord gram

Commemorated the Celebrated the promise

of the harvest

of remembrance Commemorated deliverance from giving of the Law at Mount Sinai Egypt

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The timing for the feast of Pentecost was as follows:

Immediately after the Passover (on a Friday)

there was a period of seven days where
no leaven was to be eaten or kept in the house.

That seven days led to another Sabbath day (Saturday) when this feast was completed.

#### **JEWISH TIMELINE**

PASSOVER UNLEAVENED BREAD		SABBATH DAY	FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS		FEAST OF WEEKS (HEBREW) PENTECOST (GREEK)
	7 DAYS	SAT.	SUN.	50 DAYS (7 WEEKS+1 DAY)	SUN.

The Passover. This commemorated the delivering of the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

The Lord brought 10 plagues against Egypt, each one worse than the one before.

The final plague was the death of every firstborn in the land of Egypt. Even the Israelites were not exempt from this plague. But the Lord provided a way of escape.



A lamb was to be sacrificed for each family and its blood placed upon the door posts and the lintel of each home so that, when the angel of death saw the blood, it would PASS OVER that home.

Passover, which is also known as Pesach, is the Jewish festival which celebrates the freedom and liberty of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery.

Passover is the oldest and most important festival celebrated by Jewish people.

According to the Jewish calendar, Passover begins on the 14th day of the 7th month of Nisan, which usually falls in March or April on the Gregorian calendar.

During the Passover holiday, Jewish people eat matzos, an unleavened bread made of flour and water so as to remember their ancestors.

#### There is some confusion over the Passover date!

Many dictionaries and searches on the Internet will show that the date for Passover is on the 15 of Nisan

The Torah refers to Passover on the 14th. But it also refers to the "Festival of Matzot" on the 15th.

Why the discrepancy?

Let's look at these verses from Leviticus 23:

"In the first month, on the 14th of the month,
in the afternoon, the Passover to the Lord."

"And on the 15th day of that month is the Festival of Matzahs
to the Lord; you shall eat matzahs for a seven-day period."

It is the Passover offering, which was slaughtered on the 14th and eaten —the 15th—together with matzah at the onset of the Festival of Matzahs.

During Passover the Coca-Cola bottling company of New York uses sugar instead of corn syrup to make Coke, as observant Jews don't eat products made from certain grains, including corn, during the holiday.

Jewish families celebrate the holiday with a special dinner called the seder.

During the ceremonial meal seder, the youngest child of the family generally asks four questions about why the seder night is different from all other nights.

The story of how God rescued the Israelites from Egypt is read at the seder from a book called the Haggadah.

The last item of food eaten at the seder dinner is afikomen (dessert). Before it is eaten, the afikomen is hidden for the children to find, and the one who finds it is rewarded with a prize or money.

During the seder meal, four glasses of wine that represent the four expressions of freedom are consumed by the adults.

A fifth glass of wine, called the Cup for Elijah, is kept on the table as the Jews believe that the Prophet Elijah will reappear to answer Jewish legal questions that the ancient rabbis could not resolve.

The day before Passover is a fast day for every firstborn Jewish male.

The fast commemorates the salvation of the Israelite firstborns on the first eve of Pesach.



On the following day (Sunday)
The Jews celebrated the Feast of First Fruits
where they brought in the first part
of their spring crop (usually barley) and made
an offering to the Lord before they themselves
ate from this yield. (Leviticus 23:10-11;)

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The feast of First Fruits takes place on the 16th of Nisan, 2 days after Passover begins on the twilight of the 14th.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins on the 15th of Nisan and ends on the 21st, seven days later.

Therefore on the 16th of Nisan, both First Fruits and Unleavened Bread are celebrated.

The Feast of First Fruits reveals aspects of the Coming of God's Lamb, the Messiah, who would be the First Fruit of God's redemption.

On this feast Israel was to bring before the Lord the "First" of the harvest, by doing this Israel was acknowledging the source of their blessing. In the evening of Nisan 15, at the start of Nisan 16, three Sanhedrin came from the Temple to cut the First Fruit Barley harvest.

With three sickles and three baskets the men would prepare to cut down the harvest to be presented in the Temple.

The bundles of barley had already been prepared for the Sanhedrin members chosen to harvest the crop

Today, since there is no Temple, the feast of Firstfruits is no longer celebrated.

What is celebrated now is only the counting of the omer. From the Firstfruits Israel was commanded to count off seven weeks until the Feast of Weeks.

On the first Sunday following the Passover.

A bundle of wheat was brought to the temple and waved before the presence of the Lord to seek His blessings upon all the crops that would follow.

The bundle of wheat / barley was seen as a pledge of a much greater harvest to follow.



The 'first-fruits' of the Corn-harvest were ceremonially dedicated to God, with the offering of the sacrifices commanded in LEV 23:1ff.

Lev 23:16 "Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD."

Num 28:26 "On the day of first fruits, when you present to the LORD an offering of new grain during the Feast of Weeks, hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work."

The Jews who accepted the gospel on this great day became the first fruits to God of His new Creation.

I'm sure this was another reason that this particular day was chosen by Jesus as the best day for His Kingdom to come.

The Jews were the first fruits of all Christians.

But there is a sense in which all Christians

are the first fruits to God of Mankind. (James 1:18;)

The next feast on the Jewish religious calendar was the Feast of Weeks (Greek - Pentecost) where the people counted seven weeks (seven Sabbaths) plus one day (totaling 50 days) and gave thanks for the much greater harvest that occurred at that time of year (late summer).

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# The Name PENTECOST tells us that the Feast was held 50 days after the Passover.

Two loaves of bread were prepared from that bundle of wheat as a part of a celebration for the harvest which was still to come.

It began on the Sunday the 1st day after the Sabbath which is a Saturday or 7th day, 7 weeks or 49 days after the Passover.

'PENTECOSTE' From Greek- 'fiftieth day'
Different names:-

Feast of Weeks (7 Weeks) or SHAVUOT. Feast of Harvest. / Day of First Fruits.

In Palestine, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness. (Deuteronomy 16:9;)

It began with the harvesting of the barley during the Passover and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at Pentecost, the wheat being the last cereal to ripen.

Pentecost was thus the concluding festival of the grain harvest, just as the eighth day of Tabernacles was the concluding festival of the fruit harvest.

The name "Feast of Weeks" was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16; To count seven full weeks (or 49 days) beginning on the second day of Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord.

In NT times priests still offered all the usual sacrifices and the wave offering.

Two loaves made of new flour.

People were not allowed to eat new harvest until this ceremony was performed.

# Thus Pentecost, was a celebration of the bringing in of the first fruits which Promised a harvest to follow.

The Jews of Jesus day still looked to Jerusalem as centre of Judaism, but many did not want to leave homes and business to keep a ceremony which for all kinds of reasons didn't seem to matter.

So many Jews regarded that journey and that expense as a waste. But many still came. At least devout men. – Acts 2:6; The ones who still clung to the feast and its original meaning.

Jewish RABBIS tried to strengthen the significance of the Day, by claiming that the Mosaic LAW was delivered 50 days after the departure from Egypt.

Throughout Jewish history, it has been customary to engage in all-night study of the Torah on the first evening of Shavuot. Children were encouraged to memorize Scripture and rewarded with treats.

The book of Ruth was traditionally read during Shavuot. Today, however, many of the customs have been left behind and their significance lost.

The public holiday has become more of a culinary festival of dairy dishes.

Traditional Jews still light candles and recite blessings, adorn their homes and synagogues with greenery, eat dairy foods, and study the Torah, read the book of Ruth and attend Shavuot services.

No longer the united people of the days of Solomon when the temple was first built.

Divided in many ways:-

Religiously – sects/parties.

Linguistically – whilst they revered the ancient Hebrew of their forefathers – nobody spoke it, few could read it. Instead Jews everywhere spoke other languages, many dialects in which they were brought up in different parts of the Roman Empire.

Culturally – Jews who lived outside Palestine (Diaspora) adopted other cultures, customs and traditions and did things differently.

# We call the feast Pentecost, but you won't find that name in the O.T.

It Dates from Greek period 350 BC, and by that time had existed for 1000 years.

50th – marked 50th day but the name tells nothing about the nature of the feast.

The people were no longer agricultural but were now merchants / traders / dealers / finance.

They Built cities – & had even been an independent nation.

Very little is said these days about the changed name SHABUOTH!

The Jews have actually changed Pentecost radically.

No longer a TEMPLE celebration in Jerusalem but a SYNAGOGUE celebration.

No longer marking the Feast of First fruits but commemorating Giving of Law at Sinai.

The Reason is not hard to understand.

There is No Temple, and

No Priesthood to offer sacrifices.

But, think about Jews in NT times.

1400 years gone by since their forefathers were commanded to celebrate entrance into Canaan and ingathering of first grain/harvest.

(Last crop to be gathered in Palestine.)

Of course, they Still ate bread! Still gathered in the harvest, but many things had changed! Their lifestyle had changed.

What Pentecost meant to the Jews
Or what it should have meant.
It now seemed outdated and old fashioned.

It is no mistake that Jesus was crucified on the Passover. He is the Passover Lamb who gives His life for the sins of the world.

When Jesus death is applied to us through Grace and we respond in faithful obedience, God's judgement passes over us and we are set free.

It is no mistake that Jesus rose on the first day of the Feast of First fruits. He is our first fruit from the dead, the promise of a resurrection harvest.

Note the relationship between this feast and the giving of the Spirit.

of the Law of the office	
The Law was written	The Spirit lives
on Tablets of Stone	within mens hearts
The giving of the law was accompanied by peals of Lightening and Thunder	The Coming of the Spirit was accompanied by sound like wind and tongues like fire
Two loaves of bread prepared from harvest wheat	The Lord will gather both Jews and Gentiles into His kingdom
This offering of unleavened bread is the only instance of Leaven being offered to the Lord as a sacrifice	Those in His kingdom are not perfect they still commit real sins

Do you see what is happening?

God is setting something into motion that

He planned from the foundation of the world.

The Pentecost event

Involved giving of the Spirit at the birth of the kingdom

The Feast of Weeks

Represented the giving

of the Law on Mt Sinia

Pentecost is important for Christians
Because on the first Pentecost after
the DEATH and RESURRECTION of Jesus,

Prophecy was fulfilled! The place was right.
Isa 2:2-3; "In the last days, the Temple of the Lord
in Jerusalem will become the most important place on earth.
People from all over the world will go there to worship."

"Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Israel. There He will teach us His ways, so that we may obey Him." For in those days the Lord's teaching and his word will go out from Jerusalem."

Many peoples / Out of Zion would go forth the law Word/Lord from Jerusalem /Jerusalem was to be the place.



# Daniel 2 / Isa 2

Latter Days

Many people shall come and say "Come, and let us go to the Mountain of The LORD

**Teach Us:** 

His Ways His Paths His Law His Word

Subject =

Mountain of the LORD'S House

Established on top of the mountains

Dan 2:38 Dan 8:20

Medo-Persian Dan 8:21

Greek Roman

Dan 2:44

## **Acts 2:1-5; The importance of Pentecost.**

The Day of Pentecost fulfilled prophecy.

A New Kingdom was to be established.

A New relationship as the family of God the Called Out

Dan 2:44-45; "During the reigns of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed; no one will ever conquer it. It will shatter all these kingdoms into nothingness, but it will stand forever. That is the meaning of the rock cut from the mountain by supernatural means, crushing to dust the statue of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold."

God of Heaven set of a kingdom, break the other kingdoms in pieces but would never be destroyed.

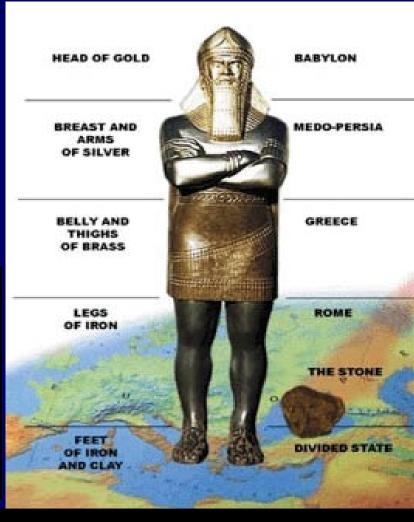
The stone which became Mountain represents the Kingdom the Church.

## **GOD REVEALS THE DREAM! Dan 2:14-44;**

"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people."

"It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever."

Daniel 2:44;



Dan 2:44; "In the days of this last Kingdom, in the last days, God would establish His Kingdom."

#### THE FOUR KINGDOMS OF DANIEL 2

The head of fine Gold — The Babylonian Empire

The breast and arms of silver — Medo-Persian Empire

The belly of brass — The Grecian Empire

The legs of iron and feet part of iron and part of clay — The Roman Empire

Jesus said it was to be a spiritual kingdom.

John:18:36;

# Acts 2:1-5; The importance of Pentecost. Son of Man receives kingdom.

The ascension of Jesus seen from a heavenly view.
Acts 1:9; Eph 1:20; 2:34-36;
The Lord declared to my Lord,
take Your seat at My right hand.

This everlasting kingdom is established "in the days of these kings." Dan 2:44;

"In the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established." Isa 2:2-4; Mic 4:1-3; Jer 33:15; Hos 3:5; 1 Pet 1:20; Acts 2:16;

**Everlasting kingdom, will never be destroyed.**Heb 12:28; Col 1:13; Rev 1:6;

Dominion (authority) over all peoples.

Matt 28:18; Eph 1:20-23;

He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus in these last days beginning from Acts 2 is reigning as king over His kingdom.

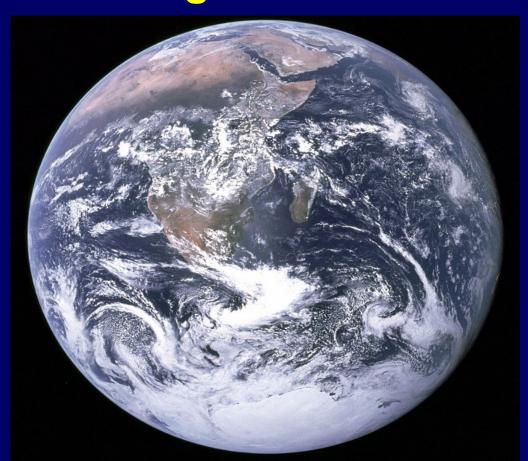
It is a two fold kingdom.

Jesus is King over all the earth by right of creation

Jesus is king over His called out people

His family on earth.

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The Holy Spirit having been poured out, (come into the world) on Pentecost began His Present Ministry.

The Apostles received the PROMISED BAPTISM in the Spirit.

'The Apostles whom He had chosen' were:
'Ordered not leave Jerusalem'

To 'WAIT' for the promise 'you heard from Me'

To 'receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you' Were 'baptized' 'EN'= 'in' the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1 opens with them being told to wait for:"promise of Father you heard about from Me."
Acts 2 records what happened.
One of the greatest days history of Mankind.

So the Apostles waited! And the Spirit came upon them – they were baptised – not sprinkled upon, but overwhelmed, immersed, plunged in what the Bible calls the Baptism in the Spirit.

The Result? They began speaking other languages, no babbling, no incoherent noises. No gibberish!

But languages "glossa" as the Spirit gave them utterance. Greek word rendered utterance means a set of words complete in themselves.

Tongues ('glossa'= languages)
demonstrated the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of Salvation was offered for the first time to Jews. The Kingdom was opened by Peter's preaching.

The Church which Jesus promised to build was set up. Matt 18:16-18;
The 'GIFT' of the Holy Spirit was GIVEN. Acts 2:38;

The house of God is the Called Out of the Living God. 1 Tim 3:15;

It was to be established with Jesus as head. The Word was to go out from Jerusalem. This is why the Apostles waited.

Luke 24:47; Repentance and Forgiveness of sins for all nations BEGINNING in Jerusalem. So they were in the right PLACE, at the right TIME.

Acts 2:1; "When Pentecost day had fully come, they had all met together."

On 1st Pentecost after His resurrection

Jesus did what He promised to do:
He established His Kingdom / His Called Out People.

Jesus did not FAIL.

The Body of Christ was not an after thought.
It was not and it has not been a failure.
It has not become extinct.

It is still alive and active today because where ever and whenever the simple message of salvation by the grace of God in and through the Lord Jesus Christ is preached, and people respond to that message in faithful obedience, they are added to / transferred into His body His Kingdom.

# God is still adding daily those who are being saved.

LIGHT.	DARKNESS.
Saved.	Lost.
Life.	Death.
Children of God.	Children of devil.
Kingdom of God.	Power/Satan.

Col 1:12-14; "giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins:"

# It is against this Historical backdrop of Pentecost taking place in Jerusalem.

That Luke begins to instruct his audience concerning the establishment, growth and spread of the Christian Body throughout the Roman Empire.

#### JEWISH TIMELINE

PASSOVER UNLEAVENED BREAD		SABBATH DAY	FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS		FEAST OF WEEKS (HEBREW) PENTECOST (GREEK)
	7 DAYS	SAT.	SUN.	50 DAYS (7 WEEKS + 1 DAY)	SUN.

#### CHRISTIAN TIMELINE

THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	40 DAYS	10 DAYS	SUN.
LAST SUPPER GETHSEMANE	CRUCIFIXION BURIAL	SABBATH	RESURRECTION	JESUS' APPEARANCES ASCENSION	APOSTLES WAIT IN JERUSALEM	PENTECOST HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS

## **CONTRAST!**

**Exodus Pentecost** 

3,000 Killed. Ex 32:28;

Birthday of Israel. Ex 19:5;

Earthquake, Thunder Smoke. Ex 19:16-18;

**Grumbling** 

N.T. Pentecost –Acts 2;

3,000 Saved Acts 2:41;

Birthday of the Lords's Body

**Rushing Wind Acts 2:2;** 

In one accord

Acts 2:1-5; The importance of Pentecost.

The apostles received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Acts 2:4; "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Now this means that when the HOLY SPIRIT came on the DAY OF PENTECOST,

A.V. THE HOLY GHOST [GUEST] (SPIRIT) came.

When Pentecostal congregations hold their 'TARRYING! MEETINGS', or their PRAYER meetings. In which they PLEAD FOR THE DESCENT OF HOLY SPIRIT upon them. They are pleading for someone to come, who came 2000 YEARS AGO, and has NEVER GONE AWAY!

Acts 2:1; "When Pentecost day had fully come, they had all met together."

Jews from all over the world would be gathered in Jerusalem and God CHOSE this day to speak about the victory of His Son Jesus Offering sinners a new relationship through His blood and bringing the church into being.

It was an appropriate time.
As it was the day when
the preaching of the gospel
reaped a great harvest of souls
from among the Jews there that day.

Acts 2:1; "When Pentecost day had fully come, they had all met together."

There are a number of things identified in the N.T. with the Sunday or 1st day.

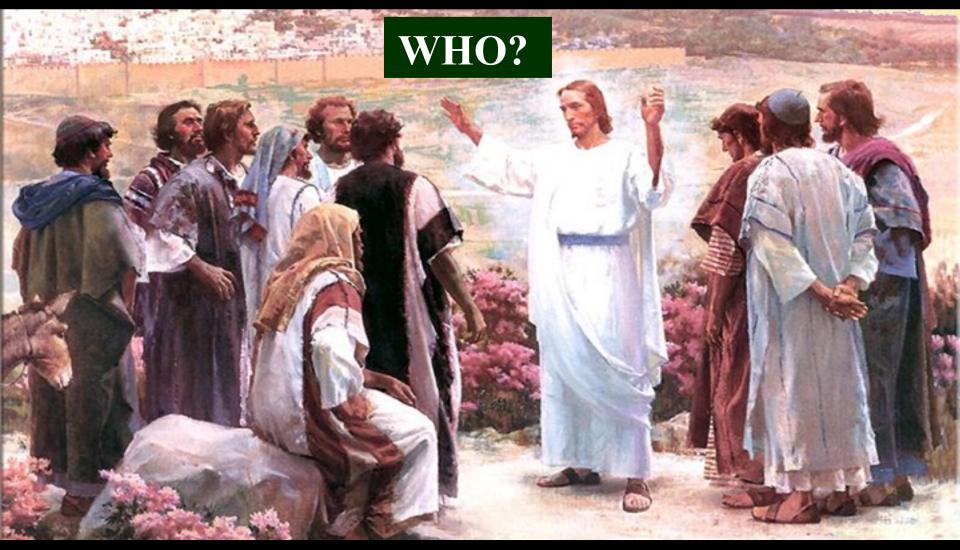
Mark 16:9; Christ's resurrection took place On the first day of the week.

Christians gather together to worship God, share in the Lords supper and give of their means. Acts 20:7; 1Cor 16:2;

In Latin in the first couple of centuries the Lord's day was know as the "Die Panis" "Day of the bread."

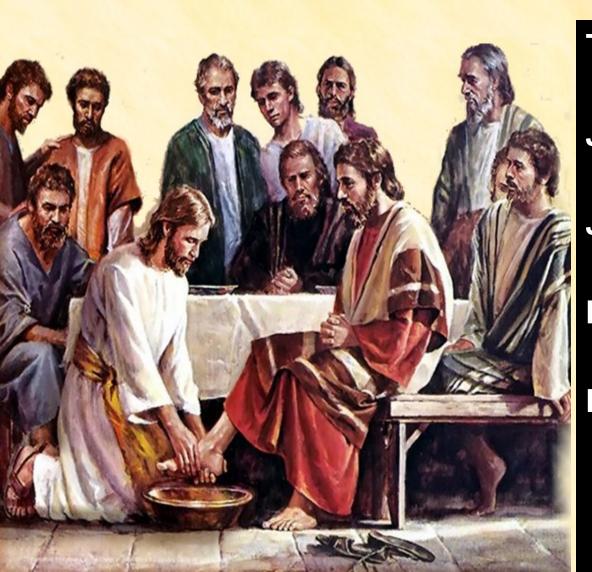
Rev 1:6-9; John received his vision of the revelation on the 1st day of the week - the Lords Day.

#### YOU SHALL BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.



# THE APOSTLES WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN!

### THE WHO! OF John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15;



TWELVE AT the last supper. – 13:2;

Jesus washed THEIR feet. – 13:4-17;

Jesus identifies His betrayer. – 13:18-30;

Predicts Peter's denial. – 13:36-38;

Final instructions to the TWELVE before His death.

13-31-16-33-

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Matthew 26:20-22; "When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve."

Mark 14:17-18; "In the evening He came with the twelve.
Now as they sat and ate...

Luke 22:14-15; "When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."

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John 14:26;

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things,

and bring to your remembrance

all things that said to you.

THE WHO! OF John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15;



# John 15:26-27 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me

THE WHO! OF John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15;

Luke 24:33-49 (NKJV) "Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations. beginning at Jerusalem. 48 Aper you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, Lsend the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

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... <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

THE WHO! OF John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-15;

John 16:1-16 (NKJV)

- <sup>12</sup> I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.
- 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

  14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.



He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

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

## This is why they were baptized in the Holy Spirit:-



"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen."

"After His suffering, He showed Himself to THESE men and gave many convincing PROOFS that He was alive."

# You shall be Baptized with The Holy Spirit.



## **Acts 1:2-3; (NKJV)**

"until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given **COMMANDMENTS TO THE APOSTLES whom** He had CHOSEN, to WHOM He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being **SEEN BY THEM during forty** days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God..."

# You shall be Baptized with The Holy Spirit.

# who?

#### Luke 24:47-49; (NK)

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#### Acts 1:4-5; (NKJV)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, Which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."



"So when they met together, they asked Him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:1-8;

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. 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."

#### THE APOSTLES ARE TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 1:15;. This prayer meeting went on for several days. During this time, on a day when about 120 people were present, Peter stood up and addressed them as follows:-

Acts 1:21-26; "So now we must choose someone else to take Judas' place and to join us as witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. Let us select someone who has been with us constantly from our first association with the Lord-from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us into heaven." The assembly nominated two men: Joseph Justus (also called Barsabbas) and Matthias.

# apostles

Then they all prayed for the right man to be chosen. "O Lord," they said, "you know every heart; show us which of these men you have chosen as an apostle to replace Judas the traitor, who has gone on to his proper place." Then they drew straws, and in this manner Matthias was chosen and became an apostle with the other eleven."

The Holy Spirit was poured out (they were baptized in) upon the apostles on the first Pentecost Day after Jesus' resurrection.



Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from keaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting...

THE 12 APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Many people teach that the 120

mentioned in Acts 1 received the

Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.

Yet a proper understanding of the context and some common sense shows that this is not true.

Why should the Holy Spirit spend 11 verses describing someone taking Judas' place? Then never mentioning Matthias again in the rest of the New testament.

#### THE 12 APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

It is obvious that the Holy Spirit would not come until the complete number of those who were to be witnesses had been fulfilled.

Why spend time narrowing down the selection to two who had the qualifications to be witnesses if all 120 were to be baptised in the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit was to come with Power and one of those gifts of power promised was to bring to the <u>witnesses</u> remembrance all that Jesus had done and taught!

#### THE 12 APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Only two qualified because the Holy Spirit could not bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had done and taught, if they had not been there!

Two Qualified to replace Judas and make up the 12 and of the two one, (Matthias) was chosen.

Having chosen the 12 they were then
Ready to be witness.
Ready to receive that
Which Jesus had promised them,
The Baptism of the Holy Spirit with power.

# They the Apostles with one accord in one place.

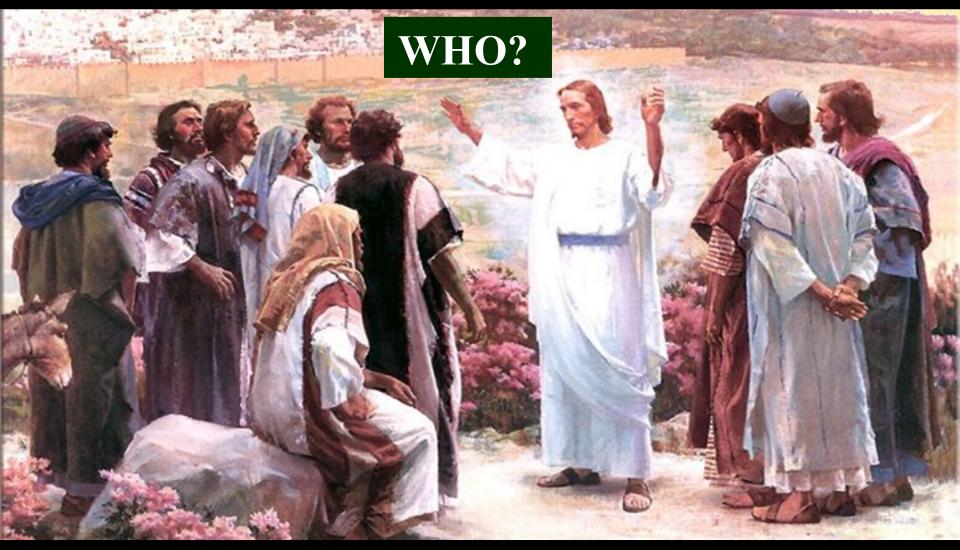
No one except the apostles were promised the baptism in the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:1-5;)

If we look carefully at the text we will see that the pronoun "they" in chapter 2:1; refers to the noun "apostles" in the last sentence of the first chapter.



It was the apostles, who were all together in one place when the Holy Spirit came upon them.

#### YOU SHALL BE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.



# THE APOSTLES WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN!

#### JESUS PROMISE TO APOSTLES FULFILLED.

#### THE APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

#### Acts 1:26-2:14 (NKJV)

26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. 1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

# JESUS PROMISE TO APOSTLES FULFILLED.



They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 1:25-2:4;)

# JESUS PROMISE TO APOSTLES FULFILLED.

Acts 1:10; "And while they were staring as He went into heaven, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Act 1:11 who also said, Men, Galileans! Why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven will come back thus in the manner you saw Him going into heaven."

Acts 1:26-2:14; ... 7 Then they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?... 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" 13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

**English** 

Morphology

Greek

Strong's

2476 [e]	Σταθεὶς Statheis	Having stood up	V-APP-NMS
1161 [e]	δè de	however	Conj
3588 [e]	ó ho		Art-NMS
4074 [e]	Πέτρος Petros	Peter	N-NMS
4862 [e]	σὺν syn	with	Prep
3588 [e]	τοῖς tois	the	Art-DMP
1733 [e]	ἕνδεκα hendeka	eleven,	Adj-DMP
1869 [e]	ἐπῆρεν epēren	he lifted up	V-AIA-3S
3588 [e] <b>АДЕЛФО I</b>	τὴν <sup>tēn</sup>	the	Art-AFS
adelphoi	φωνὴν phōnēn	voice	N-AFS
brothers brethren!	αὐτοῦ autou	of him	PPro-GM3S
2002 [0]	καὶ kai	and	Conj
669 [e]	ἀπεφθέγξατο apephthenxato	spoke forth	V-AIM-3S
846 [e]	αὐτοῖς autois	to them:	PPro-DM3P

- New International Version. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
- New Living Translation. Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.
- English Standard Version. But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.
- Berean Study Bible. Then Peter stood up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and addressed the crowd: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen carefully to my words.
- Berean Literal Bible. But Peter, having stood up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke forth to them: "Men of Judea and all those inhabiting Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.
- New American Standard Bible. But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.
- King James Bible. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

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- Christian Standard Bible. Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: "Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let me explain this to you and pay attention to my words.
- Contemporary English Version. Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd: Friends and everyone else living in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I have to say!
- Good News Translation. Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means.
- Holman Christian Standard Bible. But Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: "Men of Judah and all you residents of Jerusalem, let me explain this to you and pay attention to my words.
- International Standard Version. Then Peter stood up among the eleven apostles and raised his voice to address them: "Men of Judea and everyone living in Jerusalem! You must understand something, so pay close attention to my words. NET Bible. But Peter stood up with the eleven, raised his voice, and addressed them: "You men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, know this and listen carefully to what I say.
- Aramaic Bible in Plain English. After this, Shimeon Kaypha arose with the eleven Apostles and he lifted up his voice and he said to them, "Men, Jews, and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give attention to my words."

The 12 apostles are to be the twelve judges When they preach the message that will bind or loose sins.

The 12 are seen to be working in harmony sorting out problems in the early church in the book of Acts

As we see from Acts 6:2;

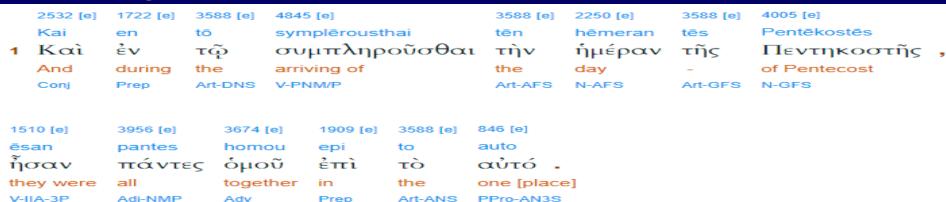
"So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. "We apostles should spend our time preaching and teaching the word of God, not administering a food program," they said."

Matt 19:28; "And Jesus replied,
"I assure you that when I, the Son of Man,
sit upon my glorious throne in the Kingdom,
you who have been my followers
will also sit on twelve thrones,
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- The 12 Apostles with power to bind and loose. Why Twelve?
  - In the Bible, twelve, frequently suggested completeness and perfection. In the Old Testament, twelve represented "all Israel" (Genesis 49:28; Joshua 13-19;) The Book of Revelation provides numerous references to twelve.
- 12 tribes of Israel, which are sealed and protected. (Rev 7:5-8; Rev 21:12;)
- 12 stars in the woman's (Israel) crown, symbolizing the 12 sons of Jacob. (Rev 12:1; Genesis 37:9;)
- 12 gates of the great high wall of New Jerusalem. (Rev 12:12;)
- 12 angels guarding the heavenly gates (Rev 12:12;)
- 12 apostles of the Lamb, part of the called out, the body of Christ. (Rev 12:14;)
- 12 pearls or precious stones of different colours, adorning,
- 12 foundations (Rev 21:14; Rev 19-21;)
- 12 crops of fruit, continually producing wholesome and pleasant fruit. (Rev 22:2;)

#### THE APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

# Acts 1:24-2:1; "with the eleven apostles. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."



Some more modern translations want to imply that the 'they' includes the 120 believers mentioned in Acts 1; But the overall context of chapter one and two is about preparing the witnesses to receive the Spirit and guidance.

It was the witnesses (the Apostles who were to receive the Spirit and Power.)

Acts 1:8; "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:21-22, "So now we must choose another man to take Judas's place. It must be someone who has been with us all the time that we were with the Lord Jusus, from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us into heaven. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus' resurrection."

Acts 1:26; "Ther they cast lots, and in this way Matthias was chosen and became an apostle with the other eleven.

Acts 1:24-2:1; "with the eleven apostles.

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

Having the <u>right men</u> in the <u>right place</u>, at the <u>right time</u>, the <u>Spirit came with power</u> as <u>promised to the apostles</u> to <u>enable them</u> to be <u>guided into all truth</u> and <u>proclaim the gospel</u> as they had <u>been commanded</u> by <u>Jesus.</u>
Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47;

## JESUS PROMISE TO APOSTLES FULFILLED.

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3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance.

7 "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them."

# 2v2; THAT WHICH THEY HEARD! "A SOUND like the sound of a mighty wind NOT a wind but a sound like a mighty wind."





With the coming of the Holy Spirit came a sound like the blowing of a mighty wind. It was not actually a wind that made the sound. It was what we would today call a sound effect.

It got the attention of the crowds.

They ran to the location where the sound seemed to be coming from.

There they saw the twelve apostles, who had been sitting and were now standing together.

# THAT WHICH THEY SAW!



# The Sight Like Fire NOT a FIRE but LIKE a fire.



What the crowd saw when they ran to the place where the twelve apostles were seated was something that looked like flames coming from the top of the head, and possibly the shoulders, of each of the twelve apostles.

It <u>looked like</u> glowing metal. Ezekiel 1:4-5; It <u>looked like</u> a bear and another It <u>looked like</u> a leopard. Daniel 7:5-6;

It <u>looked like</u> a sea of glass mixed with fire. Revelation 15:1-2;

"A sound like the blowing of a violent wind and they saw what <u>seemed</u> to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them," Acts 2:2-4;

The coming of the Holy Spirit was effectively confirmed by the witnesses to those who came because of the sound <u>like</u> a rushing, mighty wind.

# Acts 2:2-3; The importance of Pentecost. Fire was not a new event.

God had used a similar sign to get Moses' attention at Horeb, almost two thousand years before.

When the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they were led in their travels by a cloud of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night. When they were not travelling, this smoke and fire would position itself over the Tabernacle.

This was the place where God manifested His presence. It was the Tent of Meeting. It served as the dwelling place of God.

The smoke and the fire were a sign that God was there.



## Acts 2:2-3; The importance of Pentecost.

Now it is happening again. But this time there is a difference.

This time the manifestation of the flaming presence of God is not positioned over a tent.

This time it is over the APOSTLES. Why? Because they ARE the new tabernacle and the temple of God.

### JESUS PROMISE TO APOSTLES FULFILLED.

God's presence has come to dwell in His people.



"All" apostles had their spirits overwhelmed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. (2:4;)

The "power" of the Spirit took its effect on their minds.

The "presence" of the Spirit manifested itself in their words (not own words).

The apostles began to speak real, human languages they had never learned.

2v4; When this happened They the Apostles were FILLED with MIRACULOUS POWER.

"They began to SPEAK in other LANGUAGES as the Holy Spirit enabled them."

2:3-4; A MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT.

**AUDIBLE:-** Sounded like a violent wind.

**VISIBLE:**- Looked like fire descended, divided, designated.

**INTERNAL:-** Inspiration and Courage.

**EXTERNAL:-** Speaking languages they had not learned.

# **2v4**; This fulfilled what Jesus had promised. JOHN 14:16-17;

"and I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you do, because He lives with you now and later will be in you."

This fulfilled what Jesus had promised Acts 1:2-4; Luke 24:49; that the Apostles would receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8; the Apostles would receive POWER when the Holy Spirit came upon them and THEY would be CHRIST'S WITNESSES.

2v4; This fulfilled what Jesus had promised. Acts 2:7; Those that spoke were GALILLEANS.

In 1:11; the Apostles are described as the MEN OF GALILEE.
Acts 2:14; Peter stood up with the other Apostles and preached.

- 14. "Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven apostles, and shouted to the crowd, "Listen, all of you, visitors and residents of Jerusalem alike!"
- 15. "Some of you are saying these men are drunk! It isn't true! It's much too early for that! People don't get drunk by 9 A.M.!"

2v4; This fulfilled what Jesus had promised.
Acts 2:32; "He was speaking of Jesus,
and we (Apostles) all are witnesses
that Jesus rose from the dead."

Acts 2:37; "Those who HEARD asked Peter and the other Apostles what they must do about their sinful condition."

Acts 2:38; "You must repent," Peter answered, "and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

2v4; This fulfilled what Jesus had promised Acts 2:42; Those who had responded to the preaching (the first converts) CONTINUED in the APOSTLES TEACHING.

Acts 2:41-43; "And those who believed Peter were immersed, about 3,000 in all!"

- 42. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
- 43. A deep sense of awe was on them all, and the apostles did many miracles."

THE APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2v4; This fulfilled what Jesus had promised Acts 2:43; "And fear came upon every soul: and Many wonders and signs were done through the Apostles."

Acts 3:6-7; "But Peter said, "We don't have any money for you! But I'll give you something else! I command you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the hand and pulled him to his feet. And as he did, the man's feet and ankle-bones were healed and strengthened so that he came up with a leap, stood there a moment and began walking! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them."

The lame man was healed miraculously by the APOSTLE Peter.

THE APOSTLES USE THE POWER / GIFTS. In Acts 3:12; "And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, men of Israel, why marvel at this man? or why fasten your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?" Peter an Apostle doing a miracle.

Acts 4:8-9; "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, Honourable leaders and elders of our nation, if you mean the good deed done to the cripple, and how he was healed."

Acts 4:33; "The Apostles gave WITNESS to resurrection of Jesus with GREAT POWER."

Acts 5:12; "And by the HANDS OF THE APOSTLES were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch."

THE APOSTLES PASS ON THE POWER / GIFTS.
Acts 8:5-6; Philip was able to do Miracles
"And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and
proclaimed unto them the Christ. And the multitudes gave
heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by
Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did."

Philip was able to confirm the message that he preached with some miraculous signs.

How did HE get the ability to do miracles?

The Apostles had laid hands on him earlier. Acts 6:5-6;

- "5. This idea pleased the whole group, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (a Gentile convert to the Jewish faith, who had now become a Christian).
- 6. These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them."

THE APOSTLES USE THE POWER / GIFTS.

Still only the Apostles Acts 5:32;
"We are witnesses of these things
and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God
to those who OBEY him."

The Apostles were witnesses and the Holy Spirit was a witness by confirming the Apostles teaching by signs and miracles.

Acts 5:32; "To those who OBEY Him" refers back to Acts 5:29; "But PETER and THE APOSTLES replied, We must OBEY God rather than human authority."

The APOSTLES were OBEDIENT
by preaching Gods message
as they had been CHOSEN & COMMANDED and
The Holy Spirit CONFIRMED the APOSTLES MESSAGE.

#### THE APOSTLES PASS ON THE POWER / GIFTS.

Act 8:13-19; "And Simon himself also believed and being immersed, persevering with Philip and viewing signs and great miracles that was happening, he was astonished. Now when the apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them; who, when they had come down, prayed concerning them, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

"for as yet it was fallen upon none of them, but they were only immersed into the name of Jesus the Christ. Then they laid their hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit.

But when Simon SAW that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given,"

"he offered them monies, saying, Also give me this AUTHORITY, in order that I MAY LAY MY HANDS on whomever and, he may receive the Holy Spirit."

# Baptism in the name of Jesus. Acts 8:16;

14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## Baptism in the name of Jesus. Acts 8:16;

BAPTISM "IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS" IS WATER BAPTISM...

that these should not be baptized... 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." (ACTS 10:47-48;)

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17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### SIMON WANTS TO BUY THE POWER / GIFTS.

Did these people receive the BAPTISM of the Holy Spirit? Did these people receive the INDWELLING of the Holy Spirit? or did they receive A GIFT OF POWER from the Holy Spirit?

When Simon saw <u>WHAT?</u> Spirit descend like a dove? Or miraculous things being done?

Acts 8:13; "Simon himself also believed and being immersed, persevering with Philip and SAW signs and great miracles that was happening, he was ASTONISHED.

Acts 8:19; "he offered them monies, saying, GIVE ME THIS AUTHORITY, in order that I MAY LAY MY HANDS on whomever and, he may receive the Holy Spirit."

SIMON WANTS TO BUY THE POWER / GIFTS.

Simon had earned his living
by being a magician by doing tricks.

Act 8:9; "but there was a certain man, Simon by name, who was formerly in the city practicing-magic and astonishing the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was someone great."

Philip comes to the city and does REAL MIRACLES and shows what REAL GREATNESS IS. (the gifts of power from the Holy Spirit.)
Simon cannot match Philips power.

The people turn from Simon to Philip.

#### SIMON WANTS TO BUY THE POWER / GIFTS.

The Apostles Peter and John come down and Lay Hands on people that they may receive gifts to confirm the message have the ability to teach others and confirm their teaching.

Simon SAW the gifts of Power were able to be passed on by the laying on of hands and sees the respect that the Apostles and Philip are treated with and thinks if I had the ability to pass on these gifts then people would again respect me and I could make my living at it.

Act 8:20-21; "But Peter said to him, May your silver together with you be sent into destruction!

Because you have thought to procure the gift of God with money.

You have neither part nor portion in this word,

your heart is not right with God."

ALL FLESH BEGINS TO RECEIVE THE POWER / GIFTS.

By the time of Acts 8, "ALL FLESH"

All types of people began to receive the gifts.

"All flesh", that is, all classes or groups of believers, were beginning to be given the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit made available in Acts 2.

The "living water" of John 7:38; is a reference to the Holy Spirit coming on Pentecost to indwell those who have entered into a new covenant relationship and give the apostles gifts and the ability to pass on miraculous gifts through the laying on of the apostles' hands.

# 7 IRREFUTABLE FACTS FROM THE CASE OF THE SAMARITANS.

SAMARIA WAS RECEPTIVE TO PHILIP'S PREACHING 8:6,14; PHILIP COULD WORK MIRACLES. 8:6-7;

PHILIP COULD NOT IMPART
THE ABILITY TO WORK MIRACLES
PHILIP COULD NOT BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE APOSTLES COULD NOT BAPTIZE WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT – ONLY LAY ON HANDS 8:15;
THE SAMARITANS WERE ONLY BAPTIZED IN WATER. .
NEVER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

THE APOSTLES LAID HANDS UPON SOME AND THEY RECEIVED THE ABILITY OF GIFTS.

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

One of the important principles that could save a lot of confusion, is to understand that when Holy Spirit is mentioned it does not always refer to the Holy Spirit sometimes it refers to a miraculous Gift.

This is called metonymy, it is the same as asking someone to "boil a kettle." You do not boil the kettle you boil the water in the kettle.

The context determines the use and understanding of the word.

PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2:4; "They all were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began speaking in other languages,
as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability."

#### **BOTH HOLY SPIRIT AND MIRACULOUS GIFTS.**

Acts 2:38-39; "Peter replied, "Each of you must turn from your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This promise is to you and to your children, and even to the Gentiles -all who have been called by the Lord our God."

#### THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

## PRINCIPLE OF CONTEXT:- MEANING OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 8:15-16. "As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new Christians to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

THEY HAD RECEIVED THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT THEIR BAPTISM BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED A MIRACULOUS GIFT.

Acts 8:17-18; "Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18. When Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given when the apostles placed their hands apon people's heads, he offered money to buy this power."

THE TERM RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IDENTIFIED WITH "BUY THIS POWER" THEREFORE A MIRACULOUS GIFT.

When we consider the context of all these passages, they seem to overwhelmingly indicate that in Acts 2:1-4; it was the APOSTLES who were baptised IN / WITH the HOLY SPIRIT.

It was promised to a few men THE APOSTLES, not to all men for all time.

THE APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.
2:1; WAS IT ONLY THE TWELVE?

The Promise is for the Twelve. (Matthew 26:20; Mark 14:17; Luke 22:14;)

The Commission was to the Twelve. (Matthew 28:16-20;)

The Orders were for the Twelve. (Acts 1:2;)

The Men speaking are Galileans. (Acts 2:7;)

The Men Standing are the Twelve. (Acts 2:14;)

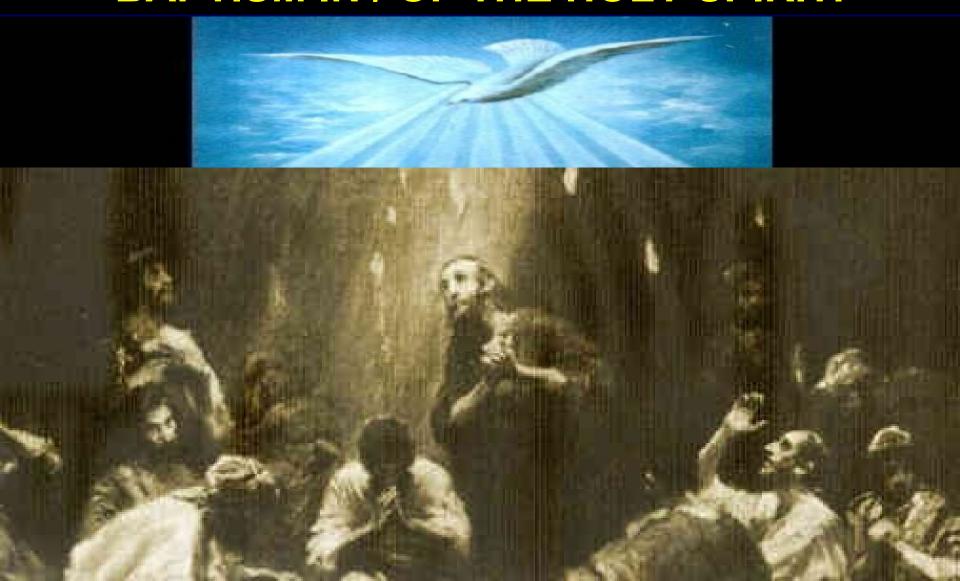
THE APOSTLES ARE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.
2:1; WAS IT ONLY THE TWELVE?

The Wonders and Signs are by the Twelve. (Acts 2:43, 4:33; 5:12;)

The Persecution belongs to the Twelve. (Acts 5:18, 29, 40;)

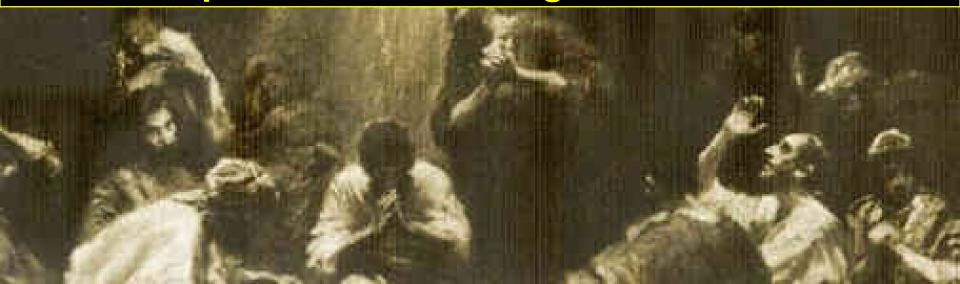
The laying on of hands belongs to the Twelve. (Acts 6:6;)

# The Holy Spirit being POURED out on the Apostles - called the "BAPTISM IN / OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."



# The Holy Spirit being POURED out on the Apostles - called the "BAPTISM IN /OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

Jesus had to go before the Spirit could come into the world in this special way. Imagine an empty swimming pool with 12 men standing in the deep end and suddenly a cascade of water, like a waterfall pours into the pool and the apostles are standing under the cascade.



From that time on the HOLY SPIRIT like a river of water has been made available to every Christian.



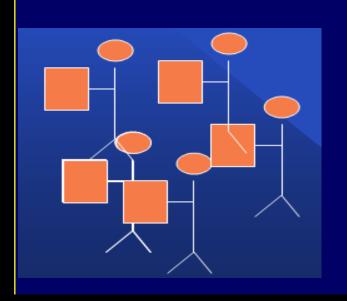
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When we are obedient to Christ it is like jumping in the swimming pool to receive the GIFT of the HOLY SPIRIT who had already been poured out on the Apostles.

The Holy Spirit does NOT need to be POURED OUT again and again.

The Holy Spirit POURS out of the Lorry and the Apostles take it to the salvation shop to make it available to others.



Please REMEMBER the HOLY SPIRIT is a PERSON NOT a THING.



A A From that time till now people can listen to the Apostles teaching about Gods Grace and the blood shed by Christ to give everyone the opportunity of Salvation.

In faithful repentant response to what is taught they can be buried with Christ in Baptism to receive forgiveness
Through the blood of Christ and the Holy Spirit will come and dwell in them as Peter said in Acts 2:38;



Sinner who repents

Apostles teaching, Indwelling H. S.

## BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We can easily see from Acts chapters one and two that the baptizing with the Spirit and the out-pouring of the Spirit are just different ways to refer to the same event.

Notice the following syllogisms.

The apostles were to receive from the Father the "baptizing in the Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5;)
The apostles received upon awaiting from the Father the "outpouring of the Spirit" (Acts 2:16ff).

THEREFORE, THE "BAPTIZING IN THE SPIRIT" WAS THE "OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT."

## AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. The promise of the Father was the "baptizing with the Spirit." (Acts 1:4-5;).

The promise of the Father was "poured forth by Jesus." (Acts 2:33;).

## THEREFORE THE "BAPTIZING WITH THE SPIRIT" WAS POURED FOURTH.

NOTE: This does not make pouring and baptism synonymous words.

POURING IS THE EVENT FROM JESUS' VIEWPOINT.

BAPTIZING IS THE EVENT FROM THE RECIPIENT'S VIEWPOINT.

## BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

A coin placed in a glass is immersed AFTER WATER IS POURED UPON IT. The pouring is not the immersion. It is the water leaving the source.

The immersion is not the pouring. It is the result, the covering of the coin.

#### SO IT IS HERE IN ACTS 2:1-4;



## BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

John said, "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit. (Matt 3:7-12;). Jesus, however, poured the Holy Spirit upon them. (Acts 2:33).

Therefore, in Acts 2:1-4;
Jesus baptized the Apostles
when He poured the Spirit upon them.
(The baptizing and the outpouring
refer to the same event.)

We can now see from the context that the "baptizing" or "outpouring" on the apostles was a one-time, never-to-be-repeated act.

## BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- First of all, the word translated "pour forth" means "to pour out, to shed as blood, to gush out, to spill, to rush headlong into anything, be abandoned to.
- "It is used in every case in the New Testament to mean pour forth all of whatever is being poured out.

  For some examples see the following from W. E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, p196

To pour out is used of (a) Christ's act as to the changers' money, John 2:15; (b) of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:17, 18, 33; Titus 3:6; (c) of the emptying of the contents of the bowls (A.V. vials) of divine wrath, Revelation 16:1 -4, 8, 10, 12, 17; (d) of the shedding of the blood of the saints by the foes of God. Revelation 16:6;

AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
In all of these referred to by Vine,
an unlimited outpouring of all of the contents
is in view.

So in Acts 2 the word used indicates that all of the Spirit had been poured out as a one time act ultimately to impact all men. (Christians) (2:17;).

The tense of the verb "pour out or forth" indicates that it was to be a one-time-time operation. In Acts 2:17; when Peter quotes Joel's prediction future tense is used.

Notice that Peter says what was promised has occurred:
"This is that" In verse 33 Peter says, "He (Jesus) hath poured forth." Here Peter used the Aorist tense, which expresses action as a point completed in the past.

## BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

So Jesus, according to Peter, had at one time in the past poured out the Spirit. Then in Acts 10:45; at the house of Cornelius, the writer, Luke records the attitude of the Jewish Christians who had come with Peter:-

"And they of the circumcision that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentile; poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit."

The words "was poured out" express the perfect tense in the original language. (The Analytical Greek Lexicon, Page 124.)

The perfect tense indicates an action completed in the past but resulting in a continuing and perfect state of being.

The emphasis is on the completed state of being.

(Essentials of New Testament Greek, Ray Summers, Page 103.)

So the Holy Spirit had in the past been poured out for the Gentiles also (Acts 2:17, 39;) and the indwelling of Holy Spirit was still present and available for them upon obedience. (Acts 5:32, Galatians 4:6;)

Because the Holy Spirit had been poured out, The Spirit was able to give gifts to confirm the message.

This was proved by the tongues occurring (Acts 10:46, 1 Corinthians 14:22). Notice, (1) Joel spoke of it as future, but Peter says it happened on Pentecost. (Acts 2:17;)

- (2) Peter spoke of it as a completed act in one point of time the past. (Acts 2:33);
  - (3) Luke spoke of it as a completed act in the past but resulting in a continuing state of being.

    (Acts 10:45).

## BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE OUT POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Really, in the sermon on Pentecost, Peter stressed all three of these points concluding that the Spirit was henceforth available for all whom God called. (Acts 2:38-39)

From the preceding arguments from plain scripture we can draw only one conclusion:

The event we call the "baptism of the Spirit" took place in Jerusalem. It happened once for all time.

In 1 Timothy 2:6; we read that "Christ died a ransom for all." In like manner, in Hebrew: we find it was the Father's will that Christ die for all men. Christ did not die for an elect few but for every man who will ever live. However, only those who obey Him will benefit from this one death.

# CONTRAST BEING FILLED WITH AND BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. IS Baptism of / in the Holy Spirit? The SAME AS

being FILLED (eplEsthEsan) with the SPIRIT?

Acts 3:10; "and they took knowledge of him, that it was he that sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and the people were FILLED WITH WONDER AND AMAZEMENT at that which had happened unto him."

Acts 4:8; "Then Peter, FILLED with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, you rulers of the people, and elders."

Peter FILLED (eplEsthEsan) with the Spirit PREACHED the WORD.

## CONTRAST BEING FILLED WITH AND BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 4:31; "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were gathered together; and they were all FILLED with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

FILLED (eplEsthEsan) with the Holy Spirit PREACHED the WORD.

Acts 5:17; "But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were FILLED with jealousy."

High priest and the Saduccees were FILLED with JEALOUSY or INDIGNATION.

## CONTRAST BEING FILLED WITH AND BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 9:17; "So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you may get your sight back and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Paul was to be FILLED (eplEsthEsan) with the INDWELLING Holy Spirit at His Baptism.

Acts 22:15-16; "You are to take His message everywhere, telling the whole world what you have seen and heard. And now, why delay? Get up and be immersed, to have your sins washed away, calling on the name of the Lord."

Acts 13:8-12; "But Elymas, the sorcerer (as his name means in Greek), interfered and urged the governor to pay no attention to what Saul and Barnabas said. He was trying to turn the governor away from the Christian faith.

Then Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked the sorcerer in the eye and said,"

"You son of the Devil, full of every sort of trickery and villainy, enemy of all that is good, will you never stop perverting the true ways of the Lord? And now the Lord has laid his hand of punishment upon you, and you will be stricken awhile with blindness."

Instantly mist and darkness fell upon him."

Paul FILLED (eplEsthEsan) with the Holy Spirit speaking to the Proconsol.

## CONTRAST BEING FILLED WITH AND BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 13:45; "But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, blasphemed."

Jews seeing the Multitudes were FILLED (eplEsthEsan) with "ENVY or JEALOUSY."

Eph 5:18-19; "Don't get drunk with wine; this leads to wildness. No, be filled with the Spirit. Use psalms, songs of praise, and spiritual songs to talk to one another. Strum your heart and sing to the Lord;"

Christians be FILLED (plErousthe) with the Spirit singing inside (making melody in their heart) singing to teach and encourage each other.

CONTRAST BEING FILLED WITH AND BEING BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE can understand the kind of being filled described if we were to see an old lady being beaten up, We are FILLED with anger and indignation.

Being FILLED with the SPIRIT.

Can be expressed and understood in many different ways.

WE ought not to AUTOMATICALLY think of it as being FILLED in some MIRACULOUS WAY. We should ALWAYS examine the CONTEXT.

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#### **Acts 2:4-13; HOLY SPIRIT IMPACT?**

#### Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

"The Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."

After a time, the loud sound subsides, the flame-like sign continues, then the apostles begin to speak to the crowd in many languages.

Translators seldom translate the word consistently in similar contexts because they want to keep the mysterious concept of "tongues" no one can understand.

In order to allow those who practice speaking in gibberish and calling it speaking in tongues today can argue the scripturalness of their practice.



Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

Speaking in tongues or speaking a tongue

ALWAYS means speaking a real human language
as some group of people somewhere on earth
commonly speak to each other.

The miracle is that the inspired speaker has never learned the language in a normal way, by growing up with the language or learning to speak it through the study of the language.

Acts 2:4; "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express."

There seems to be a lot of confusion about these TONGUES in this passage OTHER

means something of a different kind.

- 1. Heavenly languages.
- 2. Ecstatic utterances that did not constitute a language.
  - 3. Sophisticated speech that could be understood only by the most learned.
- 4. Or human languages that might or might not be understood by the one who spoke them.

Some definitions of the word Tongues used here:-

Acts 2:4; "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express."

#### **VINE'S Dictionary:-**

The supernatural gift of speaking in another language without its having been learned.

THAYERS Greek English Lexicon:The tongue a language used by a particular people in distinction from that of other nations i.e. in foreign tongues.

#### **THAYER continues:-**

Acts 2:4, 6-11; to speak with new tongues which the speaker had not learned previously Mark 16:17;

Acts 2:4; "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express."

So to speak in other tongues is to speak in foreign languages which they had not learned before.

ALSO THE CONTEXT shows that v8 the crowd heard each in his OWN language we will look at this more closely.

#### **TONGUES Acts 2:4**;

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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kathOs to pneuma edidou apophtheggesthai autois accordING-AS THE spirit -GAVE TO-BE-FROM-UTTERING\* to-them according-as the spirit gave to-be-declaiming to-them

#### This is from the GREEK GLOSSA.

The ability to speak in Another language without learning it!

#### Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

One of the purposes for speaking in tongues at the beginning of the church was to convince the unbelievers.

"Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe." 1 Corinthians 14:22;

Keep in mind that in the Pentecost, there were many unbelieving Jews present.

Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

Peter is speaking in tongues at this very moment!

How do we know that?

He says HEED MY WORDS!
People were understanding!
A language is something
that people have the ability
to understand. They did!

## Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift. Tongue speaking involves a foreign Language.





#### Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

Many Jews would have been tri-lingual.

Hebrew was their native language and the language of both the synagogue and the Temple..

Aramaic was the trade language of that part of the world.

Greek had become the common language of all men in the known world since the days of Alexander the Great.

Now something spectacular began to happen to the apostles. They began to speak in all sorts of other languages. These were languages with which they were not familiar.

Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

The many different languages given by God had first taken place at the Tower of Babel. It had been the result of sin and judgment. It was a curse. Now something has taken place that overturns sin and judgment.

The curse of languages is reversed by the gift of languages. Where there was confusion of languages, now there will be order.

And where men have lived in darkness, they shall see the light of the gospel.

The gift pointed to the presence of the Holy Spirit come into the world.

### Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

Exegesis of Acts 2:1-11.

The tongues spoken by the twelve apostles
(Acts 2:1,4, 7, 14 and Acts 1:2-5) were given to them,
and were spoken through them by the Holy Spirit.

They were languages which were given to the speakers, (not something they had learned before, 2:4;), and they were understood by the hearers.

They were recognised by the people from various parts of the world as being the "tongues" that were spoken in their native countries. 2:6-11;

### Acts 2:5-8; Speaking in a language gift.

"And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marvelled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"



They Understood!

Acts 2:5-8; Speaking in a language gift.
The purpose:- To prove that what was happening was from God, and not from men, and certainly not from wine

(which does make men babble in coherently sometimes.)

(2:12; 16-21;)

The purpose was not to glorify or exalt the apostles.
It was not to make them look important.
(Look at me look at how God has blessed Me)

### Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

Tongue-speaking was a sign for the unbeliever (v. 22). Unless some in the audience could determine that the tongues were God-given languages, the sounds that were being made could not be a sign.

Peter said that what the Jews heard (the apostles speaking in the languages of the many nations present on the Day of Pentecost and the sound like a mighty wind) was evidence that Jesus was enthroned at God's right hand. (Acts 2:4–11, 33;)



### Acts 2:4-8; Speaking in a language gift.

"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."

The word is printed in italics in KJV. The presence of this word leads many to assume that the tongues spoken of in this chapter were unknown and unknowable - not languages of humans at all.

The New English Bible uses 
"the language of ecstasy" "ecstatic utterance" 
and "ecstatic tongues" to translate 
the single word GLOSSA (tongue.)

Acts 2:5-8; Speaking in a language gift.

By doing this, the version presents an idea which is completely foreign to the context, and contradicts Paul's intention in the passage.

If ecstasy means "out of control" and "not able to restrain oneself", or "having one's mind and faculties taken away" then what good is it? What worthwhile thing can it accomplish?

### Acts 2:5-8; Speaking in a language gift.

It certainly does not make sense to think that God would take a man who is able to speak a language with intelligence and then operate upon him in such a way as to make him incoherent and incapable of intelligent speech.

An incoherent babbler of nonsense could never "convince the unbeliever that "God is not a God of confusion."

1 Cor 14:33;

- "5. Now devout Jews from every nation under heaven were living in Jerusalem. 6. When that sound came, the crowd rushed together and was startled because each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language.
  - 7. Stunned and amazed, they asked, "All of these people who are speaking are Galileans, aren't they?
  - 8. So how is it that each one of us hears them speaking in his own native language?"

DEVOUT Jews.

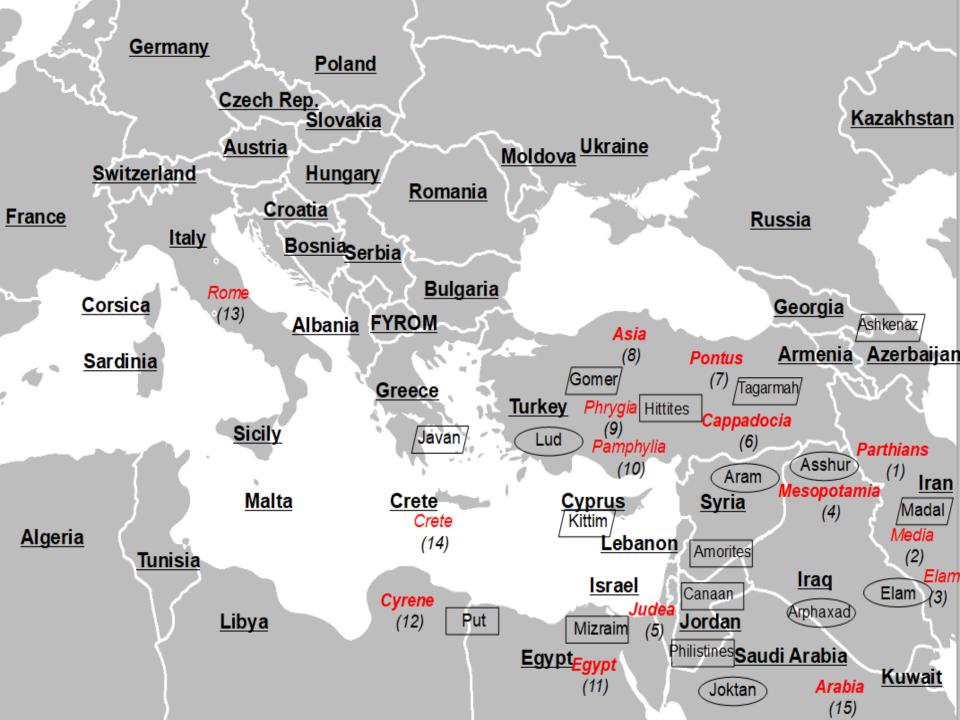
Careful not to Offend God.

Careful to Observe.

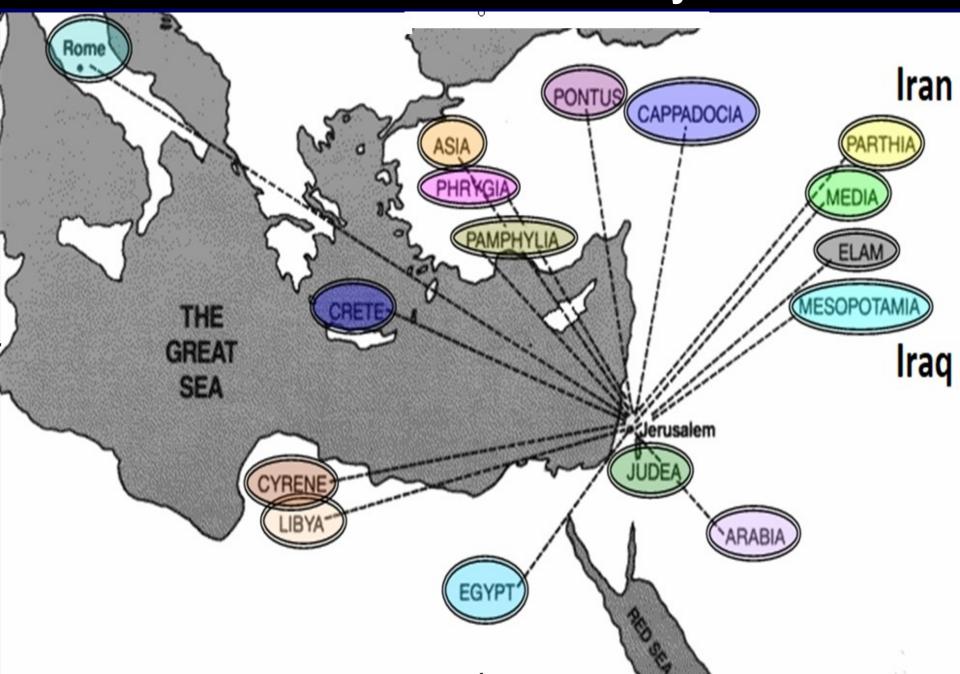
His commandments - Religious.



Pentecost attracted Jews from all over the world to Jerusalem to celebrate the annual festival. Those who heard the apostles' message in their native languages at Pentecost came from various regions within the two great competing empires of the day— the Roman Empire and the Parthian Empire —with Jerusalem near the center.



### The Jews who heard Peter on the Day of Pentecost.



There were few nations on the earth which did not have a Jewish population.
The Jews had been scattered throughout the entire known world in two different dispersions.

First the ten northern tribes of Israel had been taken into captivity by the Assyrians in 721 A.D. Then Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had taken away the southern kingdom of Judah in 586 B.C.

Although there had been many who had returned to Canaan over the years, there were a great many more who did not.

There were now Jewish communities throughout the Roman Empire and beyond.

These Jews of the Diaspora still retained their Jewish heritage. They continued to believe in the God of the Scriptures and to worship Him. There were synagogues in any town or village that had at least 10 Jewish men.

Occasionally, Jews from these far-off communities would make the pilgrimage to worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. There were many who had come for the Passover and who had stayed to celebrate the Feast of Weeks.

Most of these people were at least bilingual. They spoke Greek and / or Aramaic which were the two primary common languages of the known world.

But those who were from far away places also had another language. They would speak the language of the country in which they lived. Verses 9 and 10 list some of these countries. They came from every direction.

Locations	Country
East of Jerusalem	Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia
The Land of Jerusalem	Judea
North of Jerusalem	Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia
Southwest of Jerusalem	Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene
West of Jerusalem	Rome
Southeast of Jerusalem	Cretans and Arabs

The crowd at Pentecost tended to be of the best most devout Jews. Many travelled far and were described as Jews of the Diaspora.

Scattered in the past by the Assyrian Captivity, Babylonian Captivity, from Egypt and different parts of the Mediterranean World

As they gathered together they were said to be confused, because they heard the APOSTLES speak in their OWN LANGUAGES.

CROWDS MARVELED and were AMAZED at what they SAW and HEARD?

They are Galileans!
Acts 1:11; Luke 22:58-59;

At first all twelve apostles were speaking the many languages represented by these Jews who had come from every civilized nation on earth.

Somehow the hearers knew that the speakers were all Galileans yet they were hearing them speak in at least fifteen languages, each of which was understood by someone in the crowd.





Acts 2:6-8; Crowd and Reaction. WHY were the CROWDS **AMAZED** that they could speak to them. Because Galileans were seen by many as Ignorant rude and uncivilized. Jn 1:46; 7:42; Mk 14:17;

"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?"

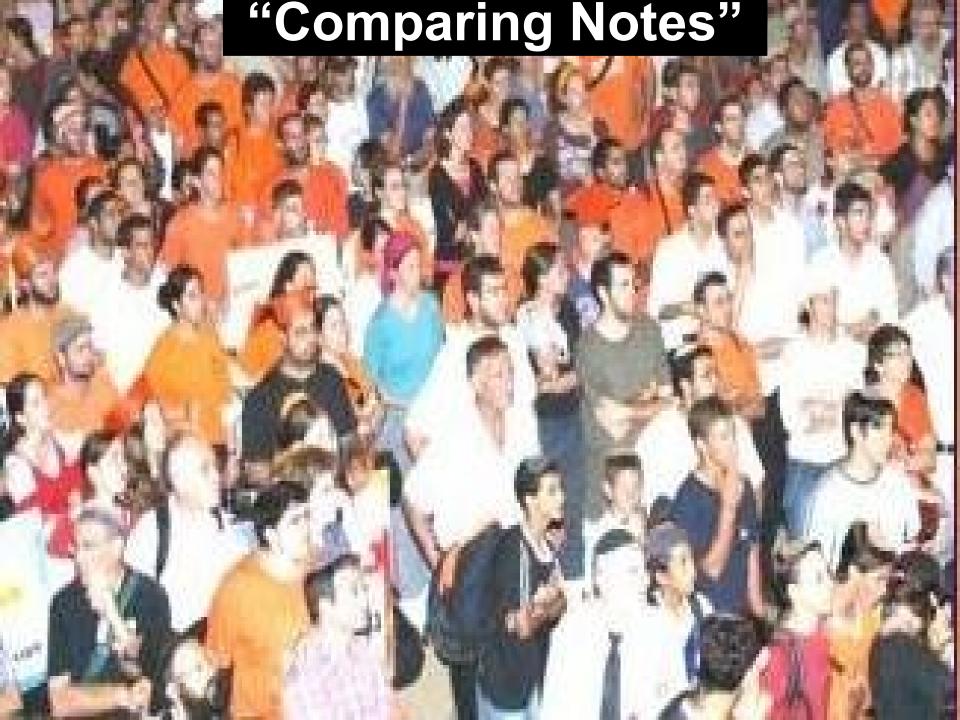
13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

CROWDS from all sorts of nations and background some described as PROSYLITES.

v10 These were people of a foreign country which converted to the Jewish religion.

Matt 23:15;

CROWDS from all sorts of nations and background.
The heard the APOSTLES proclaiming the wonderful works of God.



Hearing in Persian, Cyrian, Caldean, Greek, Latin and Arabic plus other minor dialects.

Those in the crowd who were most amazed no doubt were those who discussed among themselves what they heard and realized there were many actual languages being spoken by these apostles.

Others, did not realize right away what was happening. They heard their own language being spoken but everything else to them was gibberish.

# Acts 2:9-11; Crowd and Reaction. Tongue speaking on Pentecost?

Glossa = tongue, language, utterance, tongue-shaped, "other tongues." (2:4,11;)

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Dialekto = "language." (2:6,8;)
"speaking" = Acts 2:4, 6, 7;
These are Human Languages.
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# Acts 2:9-11; Crowd and Reaction. Tongue speaking on Pentecost?

Speakers spoke previously existing languages. People who knew the language could recognise it.

Hearers could understand the content and be instructed by it.

Speakers had not learned the languages by studying them.

Acts 2:9-13; Crowd and Reaction. In the Law it is written, "I will speak to this nation with different languages and different dialects, but they will not obey me." That is what the Lord said. I Corinthians 14:21;

There were estimated to be more that 100,000 Jews came to the day of Pentecost yet on this day only 3,000 became Christians.

Luke describes the CROWDS as having TWO major reactions to the miraculous message of the Apostles.

Amazed, uncertain, doubtful, confused, Others mocked or ridiculed, made fun off the Apostles.

#### MOCKING.

means using a rude and sarcastic manner to ridiculed or show that you consider the other person as very low or worthless.

There are always people like this; in every great event there are those who always try to discredit the name of God unto others.

They make fun
of the people of God,
they ridicule them,
and they mock the name
that the Christians proclaim.





### Acts 2:9-13; Crowd and Reaction. "Under the Influence?"

Hearing all these men muttering what sounded like gibberish, those who did not realize what was actually happening accused them of being intoxicated and uttering nonsense.

This shows that at first, before Peter began his speech to the multitude, all the apostles were speaking at the same time. This would have been very confusing and did not continue.

1 Cor 14:6; "Now suppose, brothers, I come to you and speak in tongues, what good shall I do you if my speaking provides no revelation or knowledge or prophecy or instruction? Rom 12

1 Cor 14:9; "It is the same with you:
if you do not use your tongue
to produce speech that can be readily understood,
how can anyone know what you are saying?
You will be talking to the air.

1 Cor 14:10-11; "However many the languages used in the world, all of them use sound; Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me.

### **SUMMARY of 2:1-13**;

- 2:1; Apostles all together on day of Pentecost.
  2. Sound like a rushing wind came.
  - 3. Tongues like fire came upon each of them.
  - 4. Apostles filled with the Holy Spirit enabled them to speak in unlearned languages.
    5. Religious Jews from many nations were in Jerusalem.
    - 12. They were amazed that the Apostles spoke in their languages 13. Others reacted differently by ridiculing the Apostles and accusing them of being drunk.

### The Holy Spirit's coming immediately began to have its intended results. (2:5-21;)

The miraculous coming of the Holy Spirit Created an opportunity for the gospel.

Peter gave the inspired explanation for the miraculous events of the day.

The events were a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. (Joel 2:28-32;) God promised / prophesied hundreds of years earlier (2:14-21;)

"In the last days" Christian age (Isa 2:2-4; Heb 1:1-2; Col 1:13-14;) "I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh" –Jew & Gentile alike

Spiritual gifts given to His Apostles.

His Spirit given to prepare man for the "day of the Lord."

He would save all those who responded in faithful obediance.

### The Lord's body / kingdom was established (came into existence) on Pentecost in Acts 2

The coming of the kingdom and the coming of the Holy Spirit are inseparably tied.

Jesus promised the kingdom would come with power in His generation. (Mark 9:1;)

Jesus promised that power would come on the apostles from on high. (Luke 24:49;) Jesus promised the power would accompany the coming of the Spirit. (Acts 1:8;)

Therefore, when the Spirit came with power in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus, the kingdom of our Lord came on that same day!

### Acts 2:4; Speaking in a language gift.

The miraculous tongues the Apostles and Christians spoke in the first century were actual languages.

When the apostles "began to speak with other tongues" (1:4;) God defined that. "Everyone heard them speak in his own language." (1:6;) "hear, each in our own language in which we were born...our own tongues." (1:8, 11;) "So, the one who is speaking in an language must pray that he will interpret what he said." 1 Cor 14:13;

The word "tongues" and the word "language" are used interchangeably by God!

# Overview of 2:14-36; The HOLY SPIRIT Through PETER Convicts the crowd of, SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUDGEMENT.

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