

100 Bible Stories

94. The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

Acts 2 (NKJV)

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

The Crowd's Response

⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?... ¹³Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, . . . ²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— ²³Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. . . . ³⁶Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

"Promised of the Father; What changes take place in the Apostles with their receiving the Holy Ghost?"

Challenge: Is the miracle in the mouths of the speakers or the ears of the hearers? What does this mean about the languages being spoken? What is speaking in tongues?

What is the testimony given? Is this still given today?

Law brings...?

Law or Gospel question?

Law or Gospel answer?

Who alone can repent?

Works or faith required?

Where does faith come from?

The NT Church's birthday.