

Acts 2:1-13

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

- 1) When the Holy Spirit comes, He comes in power, on His own terms, and for specific reasons.
- 2) *2:1* Luke points to the timing of God as the cause of the Spirit's descent. The Holy Spirit was not induced into coming because the believers prayed.
- 3) *2:2* Even though the disciples knew the Spirit was coming, they were still caught by surprise.
- 4) *2:2-3* The supernatural activity of God is so utterly beyond the grasp of humans that the Bible writers had to use similes.
- 5) *2:3* The Holy Spirit was active prior to Pentecost, but now there would be two major changes:
  - The Spirit will dwell in people and not just come on them.
  - His presence will be permanent, not temporary (John 14:16–17).
- 6) *2:3* The column of fire separated, coming to rest on each believer individually to show that the relationship of the Spirit became intimate/personal.
- 7) *2:4* God reversed the judgment He had before inflicted; not by restoring a unity of language among all nations, but by enabling His servants to address all people in their native tongue.
- 8) *2:4* Where the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event, being filled with the Spirit is an ongoing experience that comes in moments of surrender.
- 9) *2:4* Those who spoke the languages did not have to be taught how to do so.
- 10) *2:7* Rural Galileans were viewed as ignorant and uneducated.
- 11) *2:8-11* That this supernatural communication was known human languages, not babbling, is clear as the list of nations is detailed.

12) God used the sound of the wind to gather the crowd.  
 God used the languages to captivate the crowd.  
 God used His past deeds to convince the crowd that these believers in Jesus were devoted to praising the one true God.  
 The Holy Spirit was preparing the way for Peter to declare the gospel in no uncertain terms.

13) *2:12-13* There will always be mockers; but more importantly, there will be many more who will genuinely ask, "What is this?"

14) The events at Pentecost let people know the Gospel is for the whole world. God wants to speak to every person in his or her own language and give the saving message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

**GREEK WORDS**

Dynamis (doo'-nam-is)—force; specially miraculous power :- ability, strength  
 Pentēkostē (pen-tay-kos-tay')—fiftieth - the festival of "Pentecost" :- Pentecost

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