

# The Birth of the Church

Acts 2: 1 – 4, 22 – 24, 37 – 41

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Series: From Resurrection to Pentecost

## Acts 2: 1 - 4

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

## The Coming of the Holy Spirit. Vv. 1 - 4

- Significance of happening on the day of Pentecost.
- The Holy Spirit coming is sudden and surprising.
  - Like a tornadic wind in the house, but not wind.
  - Like a flame of fire distributing on all in the house.
  - Note that all 120 in the house received the Holy Spirit.
- And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
  - They spoke in languages they had not learned.
  - The Holy Spirit enabled such speech.
  - The speaking is obviously in languages as noted in verses 6 – 11.

## Acts 1: 22 - 24

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. <sup>24</sup> “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

## Resulting in the Preached Word. Vv. 22 – 24.

- Peter preaches from Old Testament texts a message of salvation.
  - We see preaching based on the word of God.
- Peter's main point is in these three verses.
  - Jesus identified as from Nazareth.
  - Jesus verified as Messiah through miracles, wonders and signs.
  - Jesus delivered according to God's plan to wicked men.
  - The people were fully responsible for their actions.
  - God raised him from the dead.

## Acts 1: 37 - 41

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> “For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” <sup>41</sup> So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

## Resulting in Soul's Saved Vv. 37 – 41.

- The Holy Spirit convicted them bringing them to seek salvation.
  - Repent, which is always tied to faith in Scripture.
  - Repentance would bring forgiveness for sins.
  - Repentance would bring the gift of the Holy Spirit.
  - Baptism was the evidence of their faith.
- The gospel of salvation is for all the world.
- Luke admits to this as a summary of Peter's message.
- 3,000 believed, were baptized, and numbered with the church.

# Conclusion

- The Holy Spirit birthed the church, indwells all who believe, and empowers them to be Christ's witnesses.
- The Holy Spirit empowers the message preached, focusing on Christ the savior resurrected from the dead.
- The Holy Spirit convicts the heart that hears and responds to the message leading to faith, forgiveness, spirit filling, and evidenced in baptism.