

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Wednesday Bible Study
The Acts of the Apostles Series: Chapter 2
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I. New Testament Church setup by God's historical design.

Acts 2:1 (KJV) *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

Significance of the day of Pentecost. There were actually 6 of these observances that by law were memorialized from OT.

1. **Passover Feast** – Remembering the Exodus (Leviticus 23:4-8)
2. **Feast of First Fruits** – Remembering the crossing of the Red Sea (Leviticus 23:9-14)
3. **Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)** – Remembering Moses receiving the Law and ending the wheat harvest every year. (Leviticus 23:15-25)

NT significance is:

a) A pre-determined **gathering** of Jewish men and women from the **diaspora** that had occurred since the captivity and dispersion of Jews.

b) A transition from the OT **law** to NT **grace**. Completion or fulfillment of what was given to Moses.

4. **Feast of Trumpets**— (Leviticus 23:23-25)
5. **Day of Atonement**— (Leviticus 23:26-32)
6. **Feast of Tabernacles** – (Leviticus 23:33-43)

II. New Testament Church sparked by God's Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:1 (KJV) *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

A. God's people were in **unity** when God moved among them.

1 Corinthians 11:17-19 (KJV) *Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*

B. As a church and body of believers we cannot expect God to fill us, work through us, or even bless us when we are **disputing**, **divided**, or **dissenting** from one another.

Acts 2:2 *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

C. The description is given “as of a rushing wind” sound and that it **filled** the house where they were **sitting**.

Acts 2:3 *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

D. The description is given “like as of fire”. The cloven tongue of fire was a **dual** representation.

Matthew 3:11 (KJV) *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

John 20:21-23 (KJV) *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

Luke 24:46-49 (KJV) *And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*

Acts 2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

E. They experienced the very first Spirit led **CLASS 401!**

John 14:25-26 (KJV) *These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 16:12-14 (KJV) *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

1 Corinthians 2:12-16 (KJV) *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

F. When the Holy Spirit **indwells** us, He **reminds** us, speaks **THROUGH** us to others, and speaks **FOR** us to God.

Romans 8:26-28 (KJV) *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

G. **ALL** things work together for good for us because the Spirit of God dwells within us, directs us, and aids us in our unity, speech, and purpose.

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H. **EVERY** believer is given the Holy Spirit and spiritual gift(s) upon conversion.

III. New Testament Church **spread** by God's Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:5-11 *And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.*

A. The gift of tongues is a natural **HUMAN** language spoken by someone who did not study the language.

Acts 2:7-8 *And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

B. Tongues were given as a sign to **UNBELIEVERS**.

Acts 2:9-11 *Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.*

C. Tongues could be clearly **UNDERSTOOD** languages spoken in proper **dialect**.

Acts 2:11-13 *Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

1 Corinthians 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

D. People today still **marvel** or **mock** the Gospel of Jesus in every language.

* Learn more about tongues: Previous Study www.fbcopv.org/notes -> Bible Study July 26, 2023
Listen to the study recording...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjIXt9h5iMg>

IV. New Testament Church **saved** by God's Sacrifice.

A. Peter's First Sermon

Acts 2:14-16 (KJV) *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: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

Joel 2:28-32 (KJV) *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

B. Outline of Peter's Sermon

- a) **Gospel** Presentation (2:14-24)
- b) **Proof** of the Resurrection (2:25-26)

- 1) Jesus was **alive** and dwelt among them (vss 22-24)

Acts 2:22-24 (KJV) *Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:*

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

- 2) David's **prophecy** from psalms. (Psa 16:8-11)

- 3) **Eyewitness** of the believers and what was in front of them all.

Acts 2:31-33 (KJV) *He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.*

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

- c) Invitation to discipleship/**Salvation** (2:37-41)

Acts 2:37-41 (KJV) *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

V. New Testament Church **served** by God's grace and provision.

Acts 2:42-47 (KJV) *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

Next Week: Read Acts Chapter 3 through Chapter 4:31