

Pentecost

The Beginning of God's Work

God's Spirit Being Poured Out

Acts 2:1-21

- What happened?
 - Sound of wind (v. 2)
 - Sight of fire (v. 3)
 - Apostles spoke in unlearned languages (v. 4, 8, 11, 14-15)

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- Why did this happen?
 - Jesus said it would (Acts 1:4-5)
 - Inaugural sign of God's Spirit (v. 17-21)
 - The promise of God's presence being restored (Zechariah 12:10, Isaiah 44:3)

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Why did this happen?

• The ultimate goal is salvation (v. 21, 40, 47)

God's Spirit isn't working miraculously today,
but He is still active in salvation (Ephesians 1:13)

God's Message Being Preached

Acts 2:22-36

First time the gospel is preached in fullness.

- The gospel is all about Jesus
 - His miracles (v. 22)
 - His death (v. 23)
 - His resurrection (v. 24-32)
 - *His exaltation (v. 33-36)*

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The gospel is all about Jesus

 All preaching today should follow this model by proclaiming Jesus (Acts 8:35)

God Saving People Through Jesus

Acts 2:37-41

- How?
 - Repentance and baptism (v. 38)
 - A consistent pattern in Acts (8:12-13, 36-38, 9:18 ...)
 - By the name and authority of Jesus

God Saving People Through Jesus

Acts 2:37-41

How?

- The "gift of the Holy Spirit"
 - The purpose of Pentecost (v. 17-18, 33)
 - The Holy Spirit Himself (Acts 5:32)
 - Results in reconciliation with God (Romans 5:5-11)

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How?

The "gift of the Holy Spirit"

 God's power to save people today is the same as it was then (Romans 1:16)

God's People Working Together

Acts 2:42-47

The first local church

- A simple pattern of "steadfast" devotion
 - Worship (v. 42)
 - Service (v. 44-45)
 - Holiness, joy, and sincerity (v. 43, 46)
 - Result? The Lord saved others (v. 47)

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 God's work of saving others continues today, through us (Philippians 1:6)

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