



Life Guide/Closer Look

applying God's Word to life

The Holy Spirit has Come!

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(Acts 2:1-21) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. {2} Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. {4} All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. {5} Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. {6} When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. {7} Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? {8} Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? {9} Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, {10} Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome {11} (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" {12} Amazed and perplexed, v. 16-21 In what way was Joel's prophecy fulfilled on Pentecost Day and beyond? they asked one another, "What does this mean?" {13} Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." {14} Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. {15} These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! {16} No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: {17} "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. {18} Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. {19} I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. {20} The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. {21} And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

v. 1 How long after Jesus' resurrection did the events of Pentecost occur? **50 days after the Passover Sabbath; Greek name for Jewish Festival of Weeks, (Harvest Festival).**

2. Why was it fitting that the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire? (cf. Matthew 3:11) **The Gr and Heb word for spirit can be translated as wind. JB: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."**
3. Was this gift of the Holy Spirit different than the gift of the Holy Spirit received by every believer at his/her conversion? Why/why not? **It was the same Holy Spirit, but more than the gift of faith; this was a charismatic gift; foundational/sign/equipping gift, not given to all Christians.**
4. Were the tongues in which the disciples spoke actual known languages? How do you know? **Yes, they heard them speaking "in their own languages" "we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues" Probably some of the same things Peter later said.**
5. Why was Pentecost a good time for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the worldwide spread of the gospel? **Jewish men from all over the world were required to attend the festival. No doubt many Christian churches throughout the world were started as a result of the events of Pentecost.**
6. Pentecost has been referred to as "the reverse of Babel." In what way is this true? **At Babel, God gave people different languages to disperse them because they wanted glory for themselves. At Pentecost, God gave different languages to unite them by the gospel to give glory to God. (cf. Mighty Fortress, L.P. in Indonesia)**
7. In what way was Joel's prophecy fulfilled on Pentecost Day and beyond? **In the last days = NT Era (between Jesus' first and second coming); Spirit will be poured (not sprinkled to select prophets); the whole picture in Jesus in flesh; for all people, including Gentiles; not just Jews. In the pages of Scripture, men and women will see a vision of God's kingdom in hearts and in heaven. All a lead up to Judgment Day (dreadful and glorious) **EVERYONE** who calls will be saved.**
8. Where in Joel's words do you find sobering warning for sinners (the law)? Where in Joel's words do you find certain comfort for sinners (the gospel)? **To know that everything physical will be destroyed is to know that all human effort to find lasting joy on earth will be dashed. That humbles and frightens us. To know the gospel—that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved—is comforting.**