

Acts 2  
The Day of Pentecost

**I. The Fulfilling of a Promise – 2:1-13**

A. Pentecost (v.1) – How the math works:

1. See **Lev. 23:4-21**
2. Basic Timeline
  - a) **Thursday** – Jesus partakes of Passover, is betrayed
  - b) **Friday** – Passover, Jesus is crucified, dies  
(1) **I Cor. 5:7**
  - c) **Saturday** – High Sabbath–Feast of Unleavened Bread (lasts 7 days)
  - d) **Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> day)** – Jesus is raised, waving of first fruits  
(1) **I Cor. 15:20, 23; Rom. 11:16**



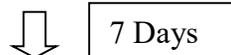
- e) **Saturday (7<sup>th</sup> day)**



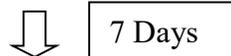
- f) **Saturday (14<sup>th</sup> day)**



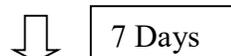
- g) **Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> day)**



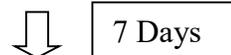
- h) **Saturday (28<sup>th</sup> day)**



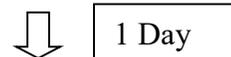
- i) **Saturday (35<sup>th</sup> day)**



- j) **Saturday (42<sup>nd</sup> day)**



- k) **Saturday (49<sup>th</sup> day)**



- l) **Sunday (50<sup>th</sup> day)** – Pentecost, Church established

B. The Holy Spirit comes upon the apostles, **v.2-4**

1. A sound from heaven **AS** of a rushing mighty wind
  - a) Sound filled the room where the apostles were
2. There appeared to them divided tongues **AS** of fire
  - a) One divided tongue sat upon each of them
3. The result of this is that the apostles spoke with “other tongues” (different languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance

C. A crowd of Jews gather, **v.5-13**

1. Everyone heard the sound and gathered to the place that it was centered, the apostles were at that place
2. Each person heard the apostles speak in their own native language
  - a) The apostles were speaking the “wonderful works of God”
3. Some said the apostles were drunk

## II. Peter’s Sermon to the Jews – 2:14-36

- A. Not drunk, quotes Joel the prophet, v.14-21
  1. It was only the third hour of the day, so this was 9am. The Jews were to fast during this time (Pentecost).
  2. Quotes **Joel 2:28-32**
- B. The Jews crucified the Messiah, God’s chosen One, v.22-36
  1. The Father proved His identity by sign and miracles, v.22
  2. The Jews unlawfully crucified Him, v.23
  3. The Father raised Him from the dead, v.24-32
    - a) Quotes David (**Psalm 16:8-11**) on this point, v.25-28
  4. He was exalted to the right hand (power) of God, v.33-36
    - a) He received the “promise of the Father”, v.33
    - b) Quotes David from **Psalm 110:1**
    - c) God has made Jesus both Lord (Kurios) and Christ (Christos)
      - (1) **Kurios** (Vine’s) – *“he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord”*
        - (a) *“the possessor and disposer of a thing”*
        - (b) *“the owner; one who has control of the person, the master”*
        - (c) *“in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor”*
        - (d) *“is a title of honor expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master”*
      - (2) **Christos** (Vine’s) – *“the anointed One”, “Messiah”*

## III. The Promise fulfilled – 2:37-47

- A. Jews are convicted, believe, and desire to know “what shall we do?”, v.37
  1. Peter answers with two distinct acts:
    - a) Repent – the acknowledging and turning away from sin
    - b) Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins
  2. The gift of the Holy Spirit – eternal life
    - a) Promise to Abraham is fulfilled in Christ
      - (1) Promise to them
      - (2) To their children
      - (3) To those afar off (Gentiles)
- B. Reaction to the apostle’s instructions, v.40-47
  1. 3,000 souls were added
  2. They continued in spiritual conduct
    - a) Doctrine; fellowship; breaking of bread; prayers
  3. They continued in physical conduct
    - a) Had all things in common; sold possessions and goods to divide among all as the need arose; ate food together

**Questions:**

1. How do we know that the Holy Spirit came **only** upon the apostles? Why can it not be that it came upon the 120 mentioned in chapter 1?
2. (2:5-13) What caused the devout Jews from all over the world to be confused and amazed? Were the apostles speaking gibberish or real human languages?
3. (2:14-21) Whose prophecy did Peter claim this event was fulfilling? Are we then living in the “last days”?
4. What act of God put Jesus on David’s throne over God’s kingdom?
5. What did Peter mean when he said that Jesus “received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit” in verse 33?
6. (2:36-39) What was the force of Peter’s rebuke in verse 36?
7. Peter tells the penitent to do two things. What are they? What does it mean to be “cut to the heart” and why wasn’t this enough to save the penitent Jews?
8. Verse 47 reads “The Lord added daily those who were being saved.” To what was the Lord adding daily?