

The Holy Spirit



MEMORY VERSE: "But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
Acts 2:21



ACTS 1:12-14 Waiting and Praying

1. What did the disciples do when they returned to Jerusalem? v. 14
2. Review Acts 1:8. What were they waiting for? Why was this so important?
3. How did the disciples pray? Why is it important to pray with others?



ACTS 2:1-13 The Gift Arrives

4. Review the definition of Pentecost on Scripture page. When the Holy Spirit came, what did it look like? vv. 1-3
5. What was the first thing the disciples did when the Holy Spirit filled them? v. 4
6. Read verses 11-13. God used this miracle to further His plan. What did each person hear? How do you think you would have reacted?



ACTS 2:14-21 Prophecy Fulfilled

7. Who stepped forward and what did he tell the crowd? vv. 14-16

8. What did the Old Testament prophet Joel say would happen in the last days? vv. 17-20

9. How do you see the Holy Spirit working today?

10. What do you think verse 21 means?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

Amazing things happened when God kept His promise and sent the Holy Spirit to those who believed in Him. The “last days” refer to the time between Jesus going up to heaven and the day He returns. If you have called on the name of the Lord, you are not only saved, but you have the Holy Spirit living in you.

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Lord God, thank you for pouring out your Spirit on your people. May I call upon Your name and have the Holy Spirit comfort me, strengthen me and work in my life to further Your kingdom and glorify You! Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



Do you want more of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in your life?

What should you do?



Acts 1:12-14; Acts 2:1-21 (NLT)

Acts 1:12-14

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. 13 When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the Zealot), and Judas (son of James). 14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

Acts 2:1-13 The Holy Spirit Comes

1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! 9 Here we are — Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

13 But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

Acts 2:14-21 Peter Preaches to the Crowd

14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants — men and women alike — and they will prophesy.

19 And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below — blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

20 The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.

21 But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Pentecost: an Old Testament celebration held at the end of the grain harvest. In the New Testament, it celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus; birth of the Church.

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