

## The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Sunday morning, May 24, 33)

Acts 2:1–13

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.  
 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.  
 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.  
 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.  
 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.  
 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.  
 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?  
 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?  
 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,  
 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,  
 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.  
 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?  
 13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

## Peter's Sermon at Pentecost (Sunday morning, May 24, 33)

Acts 2:14–41

14 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:  
 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.  
 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;  
 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:  
 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:  
 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:  
 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:  
 21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. [[Joel 2:28–32](#)]  
 22 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.  
 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:  
 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:  
 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.  
 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. [[Ps 16:8–11](#)]  
 29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.  
 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; [cf. [Ps 132:11](#)]  
 31 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.  
 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,  
 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. [[Ps 110:1](#)]  
 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.  
 37 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.

### The Early Church (c. Summer 33)

Acts 2:42–47

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.  
 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.  
 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;  
 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.  
 46 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,  
 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

### Peter Heals a Lame Man at the Temple Gate (c. Fall 33)

Acts 3

#### Peter Heals a Lame Man

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*.  
 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;  
 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.  
 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.  
 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.  
 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.  
 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.  
 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.  
 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:  
 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

#### Peter Preaches to the Crowd

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.  
 12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?  
 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go.  
 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;  
 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.  
 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.  
 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did *it*, as *did* also your rulers.  
 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.  
 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;  
 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:  
 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.  
 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.  
 23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. [[Deut 18:15–19](#)]  
 24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.  
 25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. [cf. [Gen 22:18](#)]  
 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

## Peter and John Arrested and Questioned by Annas and Caiaphas (c. Fall 33)

Acts 4:1–31

### Peter and John are Imprisoned

- 1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
- 2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
- 3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.
- 4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

### Annas and Caiaphas Question Peter and John

- 5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,
- 6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.
- 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?
- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,
- 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;
- 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.
- 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. [\[Ps 118:22\]](#)
- 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
- 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.
- 14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.
- 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,
- 16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny *it*.
- 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.
- 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.
- 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.
- 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.
- 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all *men* glorified God for that which was done.
- 22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

### The Disciples Pray for Courage to Preach the Gospel

- 23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.
- 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:
- 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things?
- 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. [\[Ps 2:1–2\]](#)
- 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,
- 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.
- 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,
- 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.
- 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

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