

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

Acts 2:1–13

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same *place*.
- 2 And suddenly a sound like a violent rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 And divided tongues like fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them *ability* to speak out.
- 5 Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.
- 6 And *when* this sound occurred, the crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language.
- 7 And they were astounded and astonished, saying, “Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”
- 8 And how do we hear, each one *of us*, in our own native language?
- 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and those residing *in* Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya toward Cyrene, and the Romans who were in town,
- 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our *own* languages the great deeds of God!”
- 12 And all were amazed and greatly perplexed, saying to one another, “What can this mean?”
- 13 But others jeered *and* said, “They are full of sweet new wine!”

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

Acts 2:14–41

- 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, “Judean men, and all those who live *in* Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words!
- 15 For these *men* are not drunk, as you assume, because it is the third hour of the day.
- 16 But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

- 17 ‘And it will be in the last days,’ God says,
 ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
 and your young men will see visions,
 and your old men will dream dreams.
- 18 And even on my male slaves and on my female slaves
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- 19 And I will cause wonders in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be changed to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes.
- 21 And it will be *that* everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.’ [[Joel 2:28–32](#)]

- 22 “Israelite men, listen to these words! Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, just as *you* yourselves know—
- 23 this man, delivered up by the determined plan and foreknowledge of God, you executed *by* nailing to *a cross* through the hand of lawless men.
- 24 God raised him up, having brought to an end the pains of death, because it was not possible *for* him to be held by it.
- 25 For David says with reference to him,
 ‘I saw the Lord before me continually,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken.
- 26 For this *reason* my heart was glad
 and my tongue rejoiced greatly,
 furthermore also my flesh will live in hope,
- 27 because you will not abandon my soul in Hades,
 nor will you permit your Holy One to experience decay.
- 28 You have made known to me the paths of life;
 you will fill me with gladness with your presence.’ [[Ps 16:8–11](#)]

29 “Men *and* brothers, it is possible to speak with confidence to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us until this day.

30 Therefore, *because he* was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, [cf. [Ps 132:11](#)]

31 *by* having foreseen *this*, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned in Hades nor did his flesh experience decay.

32 This Jesus God raised up, of which we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this that you see and hear.

34 For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”’ [Ps 110:1]

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36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt, that God has made him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified!”

37 Now *when they* heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “What should we do, men *and* brothers?”

38 And Peter *said* to them, “Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all those *who are* far away, as many as the Lord our God calls to himself.”

40 And with many other words he solemnly urged and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this crooked generation!”

41 So those who accepted his message were baptized, and on that day about three thousand souls were added.

The Early Church (c. Summer 33)

Acts 2:42–47

42 And they were devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayers.

43 And fear came on every soul, and many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles.

44 And all who believed were in the same *place*, and had everything in common.

45 And they began selling *their* possessions and property, and distributing these *things* to all, to the degree that anyone had need.

46 And every day, devoting themselves *to meeting* with one purpose in the temple *courts* and breaking bread from house *to house*, they were eating *their* food with joy and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding every day to the total *of* those who were being 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 were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*.

2 And a certain man was being carried who was lame from birth. He was placed every day at the gate of the temple called “Beautiful,” *so that he* could ask for charitable gifts from those who were going into the temple *courts*.

3 *When he* saw Peter and John about to go into the temple *courts*, he began asking to receive alms.

4 And Peter looked intently at him, together with John, *and* said, “Look at us!”

5 So he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you—in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!”

7 And taking hold of him by the right hand, he raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

8 And leaping up, he stood and began walking around and entered into the temple *courts* with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God,

10 And they recognized him, that this one was the one who used to sit *asking* for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

11 And *while* he was holding fast to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, utterly astonished.

12 And *when he saw it*, Peter replied to the people, “Men *and* Israelites, why are you astonished at this? Or why are you staring at us, as *if* by our own power or godliness we have made him walk?

13 The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in the presence of Pilate, *after* he had decided to release *him*.

14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and demanded *that* a man—a murderer—be granted to you.

15 And you killed the originator of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses!

16 And on the basis of faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith *that is* through him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

18 But *the things* which God foretold through the mouth of all the prophets, *that* his Christ would suffer, he has fulfilled in this way.

19 Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be blotted out,

20 so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and he may send the Christ appointed for you—Jesus,

21 whom heaven must receive until the times of the restoration of all *things*, about which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from earliest times.

22 Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You will listen to him in everything that he says to you.

23 And it will be *that* every soul who does not listen to that prophet will be destroyed utterly from the people.’ [[Deut 18:15–19](#)]

24 And indeed, all the prophets from Samuel and all those who followed *him* have spoken *about* and proclaimed these days.

25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God ordained with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed.’ [cf. [Gen 22:18](#)]

26 God, *after he* had raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning each *of you* back from your wickedness!”

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

Acts 4:1–31

Peter and John are Imprisoned

1 And *while* they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees approached them,

2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them and put *them* in custody until the next day, because it was already evening.

4 But many of those who listened to the message believed, and the number of the men was approximately five thousand.

Annas and Caiaphas Question Peter and John

5 And it happened that on the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes came together in Jerusalem,

6 and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all those who were from the high priest’s family.

7 And they made them stand in *their midst and* began to ask, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,

9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed *done to* a sick man—by what *means* this man was healed—

10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man stands before you healthy!

11 This one is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, that has become the cornerstone. [[Ps 118:22](#)]

12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that is given among people by which we must be saved.”

13 Now *when they* saw the boldness of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were astonished, and recognized them, that they had been with Jesus.

14 And *because they* saw the man who had been healed standing there with them, they had nothing to say in return.

15 But *after they* had ordered them to go outside the Sanhedrin, they began to confer with one another,

16 saying, “What should we do with these men? For that a remarkable sign has taken place through them *is* evident to all those who live *in* Jerusalem, and we are not able to deny *it*!

17 But in order that it may not spread much *further* among the people, let us warn them to speak no more in this name to anyone at all.”

18 And they called them *back and* commanded *them* not to speak or to teach at all in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered *and* said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than God, you decide!

20 For we are not able to refrain from speaking about *the things* that we have seen and heard.”

21 So *after* threatening *them* further, they released them, finding no way to punish them on account of the people, because they were all praising God for what had happened.

22 For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more *than* forty years old.

The Disciples Pray for Courage to Preach the Gospel

23 And *when they* were released, they went to their own *people* and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

24 And *when they* heard *it*, they lifted *their* voices with one mind to God and said, “Master, you *are* the one who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all the things in them,

25 the one who said by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of our father David, your servant,

‘Why do the nations rage,
and the peoples conspire in vain?

26 The kings of the earth stood opposed,
and the rulers assembled together at the same *place*,
against the Lord and against his Christ.’ [[Ps 2:1–2](#)]

27 For in truth both Herod and Pontius Pilate, together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, assembled together in this city against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed,

28 to do all that your hand and plan had predestined to take place.

29 And now, Lord, concern yourself with their threats and grant your slaves to speak your message with all boldness,

30 *as* you extend your hand to heal and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 And *when* they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

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