

## **Acts 2**

### **The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

#### **Overview**

#### **1. The Day of Pentecost: (Verses 1-4)**

The Day of Pentecost marked the fullness of the Holy Spirit being poured out, giving every believer an opportunity to become like Jesus. The eyes of the disciples are opened to see tongues of fire manifested as evidence of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All 120 who were present in the upper room were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

#### **2. The Crowd's Reaction: (Verses 5-13)**

Jews from all around the world have gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The crowds hear the 120 speaking in other tongues and are amazed because they hear the disciples speaking in their different languages and even in specific dialects. The disciples were speaking praise and worship to God in tongues that were unknown to them, but understood by certain Jews who had gathered for the Feast of Pentecost. Those who heard, accused the disciples of being drunk, because they could not explain what they were hearing and seeing.

#### **3. Peter Preaches to the Crowd: (Verses 14-40)**

Peter, now filled with the Holy Spirit, preaches his first sermon to the crowd explaining what has happened to the 120 in the upper room. He explains by quoting what was spoken by the prophet Joel concerning the Holy Spirit. Peter then gives a sermon about salvation and the day of wrath that would one day come on the earth. He quotes a prophecy given by David, which has been fulfilled through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. As Peter preaches under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, many were convicted in their hearts.

#### **4. The Church is Born: (Verses 41-47)**

After Peter's sermon, approximately 3,000 are added to God's kingdom and the first local church will begin. The Word, prayer, and fellowship were all established in the church. Many of the early believers will voluntarily sell their possessions and goods to dispense as needed to various members of the newly formed church body. The Lord added to the church daily.

#### **The Challenge of Chapter Two:**

Since the Day of Pentecost, the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues has been available to all believers who will receive. At salvation, every believer enters into the fruit of the Spirit. However, the gifts of the Holy Spirit operate in conjunction with the infilling. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is for all believers. There is no age, gender or race distinction. As Spirit-filled believers, we have the power to be witnesses before anyone who crosses our path. We may not preach to crowds as Peter did, but every day we can walk in the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit causing others to be drawn to the Lord Jesus Christ. As with the early church, the Word of God should be the number one priority in our lives. Prayer too, should be part of our daily walk with the Lord as well as fellowship with the saints. The supernatural power of the Holy Spirit flowing in and through our lives should draw people into the church and away from religion.