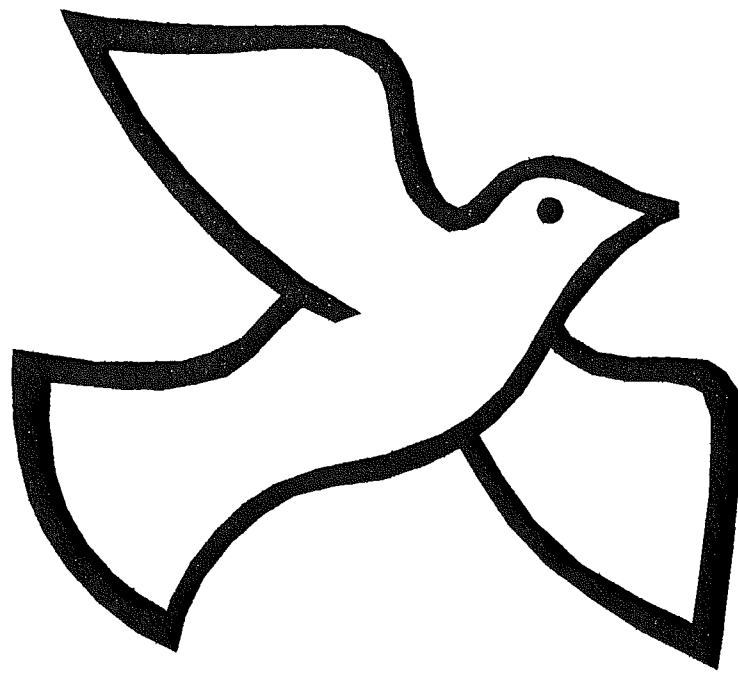


# THE JERUSALEM OUTPOURING

(The Feast Day When The Church Was Born)  
Acts 2:1-13



## “WHAT MEANETH THIS?”

- ◆ Pentecost Is A Prophetic Experience
- ◆ Pentecost Is A Powerful Experience
- ◆ Pentecost Is A Personal Experience

*“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance”. (Acts 2:4)*

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**Text:** Acts 2:1-4, 12

**Subject:** The Answer To The Great Question Of Verse 12, (What Meaneth This?)

## **Introduction:**

- ◆ Acts 2 records a great day in history.
- ◆ It's the account of significant events:

- #1. There is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- #2. There is the birth of the Lord's church.
- #3. There is the great sermon by Peter.
- #4. There is the Lord adding to the church.
- #5. There is the unity and fellowship and praying and sacrifice of the early believers.

**Question:** How did the Lord prepare the 120 to be baptized in the Holy Spirit one day in Jerusalem?

**Answer:** Acts chapter 1 is as clear as can be:

- #1. There was **Expectation** (In v. 5)

“For John truly baptized with water; but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in just a few days”

- ◆ Jesus knew we had to hear about the Holy Spirit, so we could then expect to experience the Holy Spirit.

- #2. There was **Obedience** (In vs. 4 & 12)

- ◆ In verse 4, Jesus said “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father”
- ◆ In verse 12, “Then returned they to Jerusalem and went up into an upper room” (in obedience to the Lord's command).

- #3. There was **Unity** (In v. 14)

“These all continued with one accord”

- ◆ The believers were of the same mind and oneness of heart. (In other words)
- ◆ Everyone was in pursuit of the same thing – the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

- #4. There was **Praying** (v. 14)

“These all continued in one accord and in prayer and supplication”.

- ◆ The word for “Prayer” (PROSKARTEROUNTES) means: “To continue, to preserve, to endure, to persist and to stick with it”.

**Question:** What is Luke saying here?

**Answer:** That the believers would not cease praying until they were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

## **(So, In Acts Chapter 1, Before Acts Chapter 2)**

- #1. There was **expectation** (that the Holy Spirit would be poured out).
- #2. There was **obedience** (to assemble together in the upper room).
- #3. There was **unity** (to come together as one body to receive from Jesus).
- #4. There was **praying** (to prepare the heart to be filled with the overflow presence of the Lord).

## (All Of Which Leads Us To Acts 2:1)

“And when **the day of Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place”

**Question:** What day was it?

**Answer:** The day of **Pentecost!**

**Question:** What was the day of **Pentecost?**

**Answer:** It was the feast day held 50 days after the Feast of Firstfruits. (Leviticus 23:15-22)

- ◆ Pentecost comes from the Greek word “Fifty” (PENTEKOSTOS)
- ◆ Every man of the Jewish nation was to visit the temple on 3 major feasts days:

#1. The Feast of Passover.      #2. The Feast of Pentecost.      #3. The Feast of Tabernacles.

- ◆ The Jewish feasts in Leviticus 23, outline the work of Jesus.

#1. Passover pictures His death as the Lamb of God. (I Corinthians 5:7)

#2. The Feast of Firstfruits pictures His resurrection from the dead. (I Corinthians 15:20-23)

#3. The Feast of Pentecost pictures the gathering and formation of the church.

- ◆ Pentecost was a day of great celebration.
- ◆ It was a one day festival of joy.
- ◆ It commemorated the end of the harvest.
- ◆ The priest would wave two loaves of bread before the Lord. (Why?)
- ◆ It was to acknowledge the goodness of God for His bountiful supply.

**Question:** Why is the Day of Pentecost so significant?

**Answer:** Because it was on this feast day, that God poured out His Spirit just as He said He would!!!

- ◆ It was on this day that God ushered in the birth of the church.
- ◆ It was on this day that God ushered in the Holy Spirit to give you power for your Christian service.

**Question:** Pastor, what does Pentecost mean to us today? (And)

**Question:** What is God’s purpose for Pentecost in my life now?

### I. **Pentecost Is A “Prophetic” Experience!**

**Question:** What do I mean prophetic?

**Answer:** I mean, Pentecost was not a surprise – but an expectation.

- ◆ **Solomon** said in Proverbs 1:23:  
“I will pour out my Spirit unto you”
- ◆ **Isaiah** foretold the coming of the Spirit’s power in Isaiah 44:33:  
“For I will pour water upon those who are thirsty and floods upon dry ground”
- ◆ **Ezekiel** prophesied the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Ezekiel 36:26:  
“A new heart also will I give you and a new Spirit will I put within you”
- ◆ **Joel** prophesied the Pentecostal experience in Joel 2:28.  
“I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh”
- ◆ **John The Baptist** said in Matthew 3:11  
“I baptize with water, but Jesus will come and baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”
- ◆ **Jesus** prophesied in Acts 1:5:  
“John truly baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (Pg. 2 of 5)

**Question:** What is Scripture saying?

**Answer:** That Acts 2:1 is no surprise to anyone (but the fulfillment of prophecy given ahead of time).

**(In Fact:)**

Before Jesus ascended back to heaven He said:

- ◆ “I will pray to Father, and He shall give you another Comforter” (John 14:16)
- ◆ “The Comforter; I will send from the Father” (John 15:26 )
- ◆ “If I depart I will send the Comforter unto you” (John 16:7)

**Question:** Did Jesus lie or tell the truth in John 14, 15 & 16?

**(#1. Pentecost is a Prophetic experience)**

## II. **Pentecost Is A “Powerful” Experience!**

**Question:** Why is the baptism in the Spirit a powerful experience?

**Answer:** Because Jesus said in Acts 1:8:

“But you shall receive **power** after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth”

**(Jesus also said in Luke 24:49)**

“Tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with **power** from on high”

**(In Other Words)**

- ◆ At salvation – the Spirit **Indwells** us!
- ◆ At Pentecost – the Spirit **Endues** us!

**Question:** How is Pentecost a powerful experience in your life and mine?

**Answer:** Acts 2:2-4 spells it out:

**#1. There was a Sound (v. 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”.

- ◆ A powerful sound from heaven filled the room,
- ◆ It wasn't wind, but the **sound** of a strong wind.
- ◆ It wasn't sound from natural means, but a supernatural sound from God.

**Question:** Why the sound of wind?

**Answer:** #1. To get the attention of all who were gathered in prayer.

#2. To give strong confidence to everyone that this is genuine and only God could do it. **(It was a sound from heaven)**

#1. Does God have your attention, to want to live filled with the Spirit?

#2. Are you confident in God that He is still pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh?

**(#1 – There was Sound)**

**#2. There was an Appearance (v.3)**

“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them”

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**Question:** What did the believers see?

**Answer:** “Cloven tongues like a fire”

- ◆ “Cloven” means: A single tongue appeared and then began to split and divide itself.
- ◆ Many tongues (**looking like fire**) began to rest upon each believer.
- ◆ “Fire” means: God illuminated the tongues in appearance to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**(“Sat Upon Each Of Them” Means:)**

- ◆ The Holy Spirit descended and rested upon every believer present.
- ◆ The appearance of “Tongues of Fire” means that God was anointing believers to share and proclaim the gospel with their own tongue.

#1. **The Sound** – means God wants our attention for a reason.

#2. **The Tongues of Fire** appearing – means God has a purpose in baptizing you in the Holy Spirit, to be a more effective witness, (in your walk and in your words).

#1. The sound of Wind,

#2. The appearance of Flaming Tongues.

#3. **The Experience** (V. 4)

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”

- ◆ Every believer was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Every believer was individually saturated with the presence of God.
- ◆ Every believer was rewarded for their faith, obedience and expectation.
- ◆ Every believer (without exception) was overflowing with new wine as a saturated sponge.

**Question:** What amazed the onlookers nearby?

**Answer:** Those baptized in the Spirit (v. 4), “Began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance”. **(In Other Words)**

- ◆ The Holy Spirit was giving words to utter.
- ◆ The disciples were aware that they were speaking (but equally aware that the Holy Spirit was the Holy fire in their speech).

**Oh Beloved – On The Day Of Pentecost**

#1. There was a **sound** from heaven...

- ◆ ...to get the attention of us all.

#2. There was **fire** from heaven...

- ◆ ...to anoint our tongue as we witness.

#3. There was a **language** from heaven...

- ◆ ...to enable us to pray apart from the weaknesses we all have.

(Pentecost is **Prophetic And Powerful And #3**)

### **III. Pentecost Is A “Personal” Experience!**

**Question:** What do I mean by “Personal Experience”?

**Answer:** I mean, everyone in the upper room experienced their own personal Pentecost:

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- ◆ The disciples
- ◆ Mary the mother of Jesus
- ◆ His brethren (and)
- ◆ Other women as well. (Acts 1:13-14)

**Question:** Why is this personal Pentecost so important?

**Answer:** Because the baptism in the Holy Spirit is to so overwhelm you with the presence of God that you will...

- #1. No longer dwell on your own weaknesses and inadequacies (and)
- #2. Instead be filled with assurance and boldness.

**Question:** How does the Baptism in the Spirit affect you?

- #1. Your mind is quickened (John 14:26)  
"The Holy Spirit shall teach you all things and bring all things back to your mind".
- #2. Your body is quickened (Romans 8:11)  
"If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal body by His Spirit that dwells in you."
- #3. Your Spirit is quickened (I Corinthians 14:4)  
"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself".
- #4. Your praying is quickened (Romans 8:26)  
"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought".
- #5. Your worship is quickened (I Corinthians 14:15)  
"I will sing with the Spirit"

### Conclusion

**Question:** What was the great question asked in verse 12 on the day of Pentecost?

**Answer:** "And they were all amazed and were in doubt, saying one to another, **what meaneth this?**"

- ◆ Maybe you've asked the same question,
- ◆ Maybe you've inquired of the Lord,
- ◆ Maybe you're asking, how can I be baptized in the Spirit and live filled with the Holy Spirit?

### **(It's No Hidden Secret)**

- #1. Be Saved (Salvation is God's gift to sinners, the baptism is God's gift to believers).
- #2. Be Thirsty (Those who hunger and thirst shall be filled).
- #3. Be Expecting (That God will do His part in filling you with the Spirit).
- #4. Be Surrendered (To the stirring and moving and welling up of the Holy Spirit in your own spirit)

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**(Rev. George O. Wood, Pg, 82, in**

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