

Acts 2:1-13 When The Spirit Moves In Power Jan 4, 2009

Intro: Internal Combustion Engine – inner fire, explosive power.

1. The Arrival of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-3 (HCSB)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.

³ And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

- ◆ The Holy Spirit Came on the day of Pentecost was an annual feast that followed the Feast of Firstfruits by a week of weeks (i.e., seven weeks, or 49 days) and therefore also was called the Feast of Weeks (cf. [Lev. 23:15-22](#)).
- ◆ Characteristics of the Believers: Together in One Place, Devoted in Prayer, Obeying Christ by waiting expectantly. Acts 1:4-5 (HCSB)
⁴ While He was together with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "This," [He said, "is what] you heard from Me;
⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Acts 1:14 (HCSB)
¹⁴ All these were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.
- ◆ The Spirit's coming sounded like wind (breath, wind, spirit)
- ◆ The Holy Spirit's coming had the appearance of fire. The **tongues of fire** portray the presence of God. Several times in the Old Testament God displayed Himself in the form of flames ([Gen. 15:17](#); [Ex. 3:2-6](#); [13:21-22](#); [19:18](#); [40:38](#); cf. [Matt. 3:11](#); [Luke 3:16](#)).

2. The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit. Acts 2:3-4 (HCSB)

³ And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

⁴ Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.

- ◆ On Whom did the flames rest? Who was filled? **1 Corinthians 12:13 (HCSB)**
¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

- ◆ The **filling** with the Holy Spirit is separate from the **baptism** of the Spirit. The Spirit’s baptism occurs once for each believer at the moment of salvation (cf. [11:15-16](#); [Rom. 6:3](#); [1 Cor. 12:13](#); [Col. 2:12](#)), but the Spirit’s filling may occur not only at salvation but also on a number of occasions after salvation ([Acts 4:8, 31](#); [6:3, 5](#); [7:55](#); [9:17](#); [13:9, 52](#)).
- ◆ The first work of the Spirit was to enable the believers to testify to the magnificent works of God in other languages.
Acts 2:4 (HCSB) ⁴ Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.
Acts 2:8 (HCSB) ⁸ How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
Acts 2:11 (HCSB) ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages the magnificent acts of God.”

The word used in [2:6, 8](#) is *dialektō*, which means “language” and not ecstatic utterance.

3. The Different Responses to the Holy Spirit.

- Boldness in testimony and witness for those who were filled. Acts 2:11, 14 **Acts 2:11 (HCSB)** ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages the magnificent acts of God.”
Acts 2:14 (HCSB) ¹⁴ But Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them: “Jewish men and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you and pay attention to my words.

- Many are astounded and amazed. **Acts 2:7 (HCSB)** ⁷ And they were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are

speaking Galileans?

Acts 2:12 (HCSB) ¹² And they were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What could this be?”

- Some ridiculed. **Acts 2:13 (HCSB)**

¹³ But some sneered and said, “They’re full of new wine!”

- Some are saved! **Acts 2:38-41 (HCSB)**

³⁸ “Repent,” Peter said to them, “and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah 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 who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt generation!”

⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them.

Invitation: Seeking Salvation: Repent and Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Believer already baptized in Holy Spirit – Be Filled!