

Acts 2:1-13

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Acts 2:1–13 (ESV) When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV) "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

Tim Keller: "Christianity says your main problem comes from inside you, and out there God has the power to give you what you need."

Romans 8:16 (ESV) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Galatians 4:6 (ESV) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 5:5 (ESV) "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Acts 2:12–13 (ESV) And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV) **And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,**

Heidelberg Catechism (1563):

"What is the coming of life to a new man?"

"It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to."

Michael Reeves: "The Spirit of the Father and the Son would never be interested in merely empowering us to 'do good.' His desire, which is the desire of the Father and the Son, is to bring us to such a hearty enjoyment of God through Christ that we delight to know Him, that we delight in all His ways, and therefore we want to do what He wants."

"One of our discipleship questions we ask is: "Am I enjoying the nearness of God through Scripture reading and prayer?" And you can answer "yes" because His Spirit lives in you."

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV) **Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**

1 Corinthians 1:18–25 (ESV) **For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,**

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Matthew 26:73 (ESV) **"After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.'"**

Galatians 3:28 (ESV) **"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."**

Small Group Questions:

What did God say to you through his Word at church?

At Pentecost, we see God taking initiative to enable His people to explain what has taken place through Jesus. How does the timing of this event display God's sovereignty? In what ways do you see God's timing today?

What was the significance of the signs for everyone present in Acts 2? Which most resonates with you?

What does this passage teach us about the Holy Spirit? What are the implications of the Spirit dwelling in us today?

How does the Holy Spirit help you experience God's love?

We ask, "Am I enjoying the nearness of God through Scripture reading and prayer?" How would you honestly answer this question today? What's one step you could take to deepen your enjoyment of God's presence?

The disciples immediately began telling others about "the mighty works of God." What specific work of God in your life could you share with someone this week? Who needs to hear your testimony?

How can your life group help you apply this sermon?