

The Holy Spirit Empowers Believers at Pentecost

Acts 2:1-24

Outline

Introduction: In our *“Five Events in 50 Days that Changed the World”* series, the day of Pentecost marks a watershed in God’s plan for the redemption of lost humanity. Much of what God intended for that Pentecost moment has been the subject of disagreement and division. However, today we will look into the original purpose and power behind this most crucial historical event.

Why "Pentecost"? vs. 1, *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.*

Why "suddenly"? vs. 2, *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

Why wind and fire? vs. 2-3, *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.*

Why overflowing worship and praise? vs. 4, *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

What was the essence of the fullness they received?

Why was the crowd amazed and perplexed? vs. 12-16, *Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”*

Are these the “last days”? vs. 19, *In the last days, God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on all people.”*

Conclusion: “When we rely on organization, we get what organization can do. When we rely upon education, we get what education can do. When we rely on eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. But when we rely on the Holy Spirit, we get what God can do.”