

## Acts 2:1-21, Aligned With Pentecost, June 5, 2022

### Introduction: Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church.

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

### I. The celebration of Pentecost was one of the 3 pilgrimage feasts when faithful Jews would travel to Jerusalem to celebrate the goodness of God to Israel.

A. Pentecost had an agricultural significance. It was a celebration of the end of the spring harvest. They would bring the first fruits from this harvest as an offering to God.

B. It came to have an historical significance. For the Jews Pentecost also came to be a commemoration of God giving the 10 commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

### II. There were three things that happened when God poured out the Holy Spirit.

A. There was the sound of a violent wind. This represents the movement of God’s Spirit among them.

B. There was fire. Fire represents purity. The fire of the Holy Spirit purifies the hearts of believers.

C. The disciples spoke in other languages. 2:4

1. The disciples began proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus. 2:11.

2. They were speaking in the native languages of the Jews who had come from other countries.
  - a. All of the people present would have understood and spoken Greek.
  - b. This was a preview of the church’s mission over the miles and throughout the years.
- D. From the day of Pentecost on, everyone who accepts Jesus Christ receives the Holy Spirit. God’s very Spirit takes up residence within us. 2:17

### 2 questions that will help us assess how aligned our lives are with Pentecost.

#### I. Is the presence of the Spirit obvious in my life?

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23*

#### II. Is there anyone to whom I am reaching out in the name of Jesus?

*“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...” 1 Peter 3:15.*