

GTW – Acts of the Holy Spirit
Chapter Two of Acts
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2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Heard the Sound of “Wind” = **not wind** but sounded like it

Saw what seemed to be tongues of “fire” = **not fire** but what seemed like fire

Speak in other tongues = “speech” **not ordinary speech**, but in languages not ordinarily spoken by them but “other”

- ⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”
- “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for **he (the Holy Spirit) lives with you and will be in you.**”
John 14:16-17

Baptism in/with/by the Holy Spirit:
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- “For John **baptized** with water, but in a few days, you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit.**”
Acts 1:5
- “³ For **we were all baptized by (Greek *en* = in, with, by) one Spirit** so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”
1 Cor. 12:13
- ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were **marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...**”
Eph. 1:13

The following is added to yesterday's handout about being filled vs. baptism with:

- “And they were all filled with (baptism with the Holy Spirit has already taken place) **the Holy Spirit...tongues of fire** appeared to them and rested upon them.”
Acts 2:4, 3
- In Acts 2, “filled with the Holy Spirit” and “with fire” are explicit, “baptized with the Holy Spirit” is implied and implicit. “(see 1 Cor. 12:13 – “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.”) – Same Greek term “*en baptizo*” is used in the following texts (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5; Acts 11:16)

Being filled with the Holy Spirit:

- “Then **Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said** to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!”
Acts 4:18
- After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly**. Acts 4:31
- The suggestion pleased **the** whole congregation; and **they selected Stephen**, a man **full of faith, and filled with the Holy Spirit...**”
Acts 6:5
- So, Ananias went and entered the house; · **he placed his hands on Saul** and said, “Brother Saul, **the Lord Jesus...has sent me so that you may recover your sight** and **be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”
Acts 9:17
- ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then **Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said,** ¹⁰ “**You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord?** ¹¹ Now the hand of the Lord is against you. **You are going to be blind for a time**, not even able to see the light of the sun. Immediately mist and darkness came over him...”
Acts 13:8-11
- The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹ So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. And the **disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.** Acts 13:52
- **Being filled with the Holy Spirit is for God's purposes. The Holy Spirit working in and through you with His power for His purposes.**

Paul's Charge to Believers:

- ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be (be being filled) filled with the (Holy) Spirit...**"
- **You have all the Holy Spirit there is to have! Does the Holy Spirit have all of you?**

Table Discussion: What areas of your life do you feel you are filled with the Holy Spirit? What areas of your life do you feel need to be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit?

The Beginning of the fulfillment of Acts 1:8:

"⁸But 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."

⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing **Jews from every nation under heaven...**"

- Parthians, Medes and Elamites = **Mesopotamia**
- Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia = **Turkey**—Cappadocia (east) Pontus (North) Asia (West)
- Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene = **North Africa**

The Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was in a sense reversing the tower of Babel:

➤ The Tower of Babel:

- Now **the whole world had one language and a common speech**.
Gen. 11:1
- They said to each other... "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, **so that we may make a name for ourselves (filled with self)**; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." Gen. 11:4
- ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The LORD said, "**If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.**" ⁷ Come, let us go down and **confuse their language** so they **will not understand each other.**"
Gen. 11:5-7
- ⁹ That is why it was called Babel—because there **the LORD confused the languages of the whole world.**
Gen. 11:9

➤ **The Day of Pentecost:**

- “When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because **each one heard their own language being spoken.** ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” Acts 2:6-7
- ⁸ Then how is it that **each of us hears them in our native language?** ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome...” Acts. 2:8-10
- ¹¹ **(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!** ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Acts 2:11-12

God is preparing to build the Body of Christ, one body, to impact the world:

- “There is neither **Jew nor Greek** (religious distinction), there is neither **slave nor free** (class distinction), there is **no male and female** (gender distinction), for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**”
- “For **we were all** baptized by one Spirit **so as to form one body**—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” 1 Cor. 12:13
- “Now **you are the body of Christ**, and **each one of you is a part of it.**” 1 Cor. 12:27

Table Discussion: Who do you know in the body of Christ that is of a different race, class, religious background? If you do not have anyone in any of those categories, how might you intentionally reach out to begin a cross cultural, cross racial relationship with another Christian?

Peter’s Explanation of those filled with the Spirit and speaking in other tongues:

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people.**

- Your **sons and daughters** will prophesy,
- your **young men** will see visions,
- your **old men** will dream dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even on **my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.**

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

- ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- ²¹ **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’**

Peter’s preaches Jesus – Crucified, dead and risen to Israel:
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²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this:

➤ **Jesus Life and Ministry:**

- **Jesus’ Divinity Affirmed by God working through him** (Jn. 14:10) Jesus of Nazareth was
- a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. Acts 2:22

➤ **Jesus Death:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God’s sovereignty: ²³ “This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge...” • Human responsibility: “...and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.” | <p>Acts 2:23</p> |
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- **“God not only knew that we would do such actions, but that we would do them freely:** he foresaw that the will would freely determine itself to this or that...and though God knows contingent things, yet they, remaining in the nature of contingencies, were ordained by God, and thought God knows free agents, yet they remain in the nature of liberty.”

Stephen Charnock – Puritan Calvinist

- **“...all who were appointed for eternal life believed... (Acts 13:48) They (Paul and Barnabas) spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed” (Acts 14:1) – “Both those who were preordained to believe were to believe, but persuasive preaching is a means by which people came to faith. Both divine sovereignty and human freedom and responsibility are present in the same overall passage.”**

Norman Geisler – “Chosen But Free”

Table Discussion: When have you personally experienced both God’s sovereignty and your freedom working together in a life decision, a relationship, a circumstance in your life?

➤ **Jesus Resurrection:**

- **God’s sovereignty and Jesus’ victory over death:** ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Jewish History and David’s Prophecies:

➤ **Jesus Salvation Prophesied:**

- **“I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.**

Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that:

- the patriarch **David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.** ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that **God had promised** him on oath **that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.**

➤ **God’s Sovereignty and Jesus’ Resurrection:**

- ³² **God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.**
- ³³ **Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father**
- **the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

- **Prophesied by Jesus in the Last Discourse of John:**

- **“...the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name...”**

Jn. 14:16

- “When **the Advocate** comes, **whom I will send to you from the Father**—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—**he will testify about me** (Realized in Acts 2:4) ²⁷ And **you also must testify**, for you have been with me from the beginning (Realized in Acts 2:11)”
Jn. 15:26-27

King David differentiated from Jesus but prophesying about Jesus:
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- **Differentiation:** “³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven...”
- **Prophesied:** “...and yet he said, “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.””
- **Realized prophecy:** Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”
- **Consequential Belief:** “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”
- **Peters Reply:**
 1. “**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.
 2. And you will **receive** the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 3. **This promise** is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”