



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

The Holy Spirit Gives Gifts May 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 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. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then 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. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, 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.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

1. Have you ever heard of any Pentecost celebration traditions? Think of your own original ways to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.
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2. Circle parts in the passage that indicate Pentecost was a miraculous occurrence.
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3. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples access to a new kind of boldness and energy. What are some ways the Holy Spirit does that nowadays?
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4. Underlines parts of the passage that show Pentecost was a personal experience for each individual.
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5. How is your perspective on life different from a professor of religion who knows everything about Jesus but doesn't believe it.
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6. Put a square around parts of the passage that indicate Pentecost was a intended for the entire church community, leaving no one out.
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7. Each person name 3 different people on the Holy Spirit's "church team." For each say how they contribute. What is your role?
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8. Agree/disagree: We don't talk about the Holy Spirit enough, especially compared to God the Father and God the Son.
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9. Review Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostle's Creed (google it). Which lines are most encouraging for you today?
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10. What are you thinking about after this study that you weren't thinking of beforehand? How will you remember that tomorrow?
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