

Pentecost Acts 2 (p.1003)

As a Christ-follower, what would you do following the Ascension?

A. The Promise

John 16:7

1. The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, a Being with a mind, emotions, and a will.
2. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon people for **temporary** empowerment.
3. In the New Testament we learn that the Holy Spirit will come upon every Christian at the moment of regeneration. The challenge is to **yield control** to Him regularly. 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:18

B. The Miracles

2:1-11

50 days after the crucifixion,
Pentecost = Feast of First Fruits = Feast of Weeks
Leviticus 23:15-17

1. **Wind**- Greek *pneuma*.
John 3:7-8
2. **Flame**- is often associated with the presence of God.
Exodus 3; Hebrews 12:29
3. **Languages**- as opposed to an ecstatic language known only to God or angels.
Greek *dialektos* (dialect) in v.6 & v.8

C. The Movement

2:12-21

There will always be **resistance** when the Holy Spirit is working.

As the movement of the church advances, we are getting closer to the great Day of the Lord when the rest of Joel's prophecy will be **fulfilled**.
Matthew 24:29; Revelation 6:12-13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 2:21

Receiving the Gift of Eternal Life:

“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life.”

—John 3:16

God loves every individual and He has made a way for us to connect with Him now and throughout eternity.

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” —Romans 3:23

Obviously every one of us has sinned in some way- nobody's perfect! That creates a huge divide between God and man.

“God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” —Romans 5:8

The Son of God came to die as the substitute payment for our sin-- because He had no sin of His own. Our risen Savior makes a way to bridge the gap between God and Mankind.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

—Romans 10:9

The choice to believe is up to each individual. When we do, the Bible says we become His spiritual children forever.