

Part 6

PENTECOST MESSAGE

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Acts 1:8

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 2:1-13

1 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[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 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? 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,[b] 10 Phrygia 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!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

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

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Discussion Questions:

How have you been seeing the Holy Spirit at work in your life throughout this series?

Why do you think people look for spirituality outside of the Church?

Have you had an encounter with the Holy Spirit that had a physical reaction like Jay spoke of?

What did Jay mean when he spoke about Jesus dying so that heaven can get into you?

How much of life with God do you really want? Do you want to be possessed by the Holy Spirit?

What needs to change in your life so that you can allow the Holy Spirit to guide your life more fully?

Ministry Time Questions:

Is anyone not sure about where they stand in a relationship with Jesus?

Does anyone want prayer to experience something new with the Holy Spirit?