

Acts 2.1-41 The Exalted Jesus builds His Spirit-filled Church

v. 1 When the day of Pentecost came...

lit. TIME WAS FULFILLED > Epoch-Defining Important DAY of Redemption
 NOT Just CHRONOLOGY > KAIROS - VITAL Day in History of Salvation
 FIFTY DAYS after Jewish Passover – Gk wd PENTE > ‘Day of PENTECOST’

2nd most IMPORTANT Event in History of Christian Church > Pentecost

We would NOT be here NOW without Pentecost! What does it mean?

1. Salvation Accomplished – Jesus Died and Rose Again vs. 22-32

JESUS sent Holy Spirit to Church because he was ALIVE & EXALTED

50 days Earlier 100,000 Citizens of Jerusalem watched Disfigured Man

Carry CROSS Beam OUT of City to Hill called GOLGATHA

Watched SKY Grow DARK and FELT the Earth QUAKE as he DIED

CROSSES Kill People – Very Effectively – 100% Success Record

GALILEAN Preacher said he would RISE Again and SEND the Holy Spirit

Here and NOW that is JUST what has Happened

ONE of the PROOFS of Jesus’ Resurrection > Transformed LIVES

DISCIPLES Found their COURAGE in EMPTY Tomb – BRAVE & BOLD

Before they could WASH Jesus Blood-stains from their CITY Streets

Followers stand in SAME HOSTILE City and Declare Him – Risen, God, King

v. 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

MANIFESTATION of HOLY SPIRIT > Message about JESUS

Peter’s last PUBLIC STATEMENT was DENIAL > Now DECLARATION

PETER'S ONE WORD ANSWER: v. 22 Men of Israel, listen to this: *Jesus*

NOT a SERMON about the HOLY SPIRIT > Spirit came to GLORIFY Jesus

Jesus: "He (*the Holy Spirit*) will *bring glory to me* by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16.14

They ATTACKED Jesus >> Now God ACCREDITED the RISEN JESUS

Great WICKEDNESS of Cross > DEATH Could Not have the LAST WORD

PUBLIC Declaration > JESUS – Crucified in Weakness – EXALTED in Power

v. 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.

Word - AGONY / PANGS of DEATH = lit. PAINS of CHILDBIRTH

AGONY of Death = lit. 'BIRTH PANGS' – New Birth unto New Life

RESURRECTION Begins REGENERATION of ALL THINGS

2000 yrs Later Every MAJOR RELIGION has SOME PLACE for JESUS

OTHER RELIGIONS – Person Named JESUS > NOT Jesus of the BIBLE

Brahmin / Buddha / Prophet / Rabbi / Teacher / Zen Master / Demiurge

Human / Divine / Spirit of Divine / god with small g / Human & Divine

NOT EVERY JESUS IS JESUS in All RELIGIONS

My Name is BLAIR > But I've Never Been PM of Great Britain

v. 36 God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both *Lord and Christ*.

Israel's TRUE KING is also the World's TRUE LORD

JESUS is NOTHING LESS than GOD in REAL Human FLESH > BIBLE

51 years ago Martin Luther King Jr. SHOT / Killed in Memphis, Tennessee

Powerful Words spoken at his FUNERAL

There's a false rumor around that our leader's dead. Our leader is not dead. Martin Luther King is not our leader. Our leader is the man who led Moses out of Israel. Our leader is the man who went with Daniel into the lion's den. Our leader is the man who walked out of the grave on Easter morning. Our leader never sleeps nor slumbers. He cannot be put in jail. He has never lost a war yet. Our leader is still on the case. Our leader is not dead. One of his prophets died. We will not stop because of that. Our leader is not dead.

James Bevel, a close friend of Martin Luther King Jr.'s, spoken at his King's funeral

2. Scripture Affirms – God's Promised Deliverance has Come vs. 14-21

IF Before HOSTILE Crowd Wondered WHY you & 119 Friends act DRUNK?

Would we ANSWER by Reading CHUNKS of ANCIENT SCRIPTURE?

Very DIFFICULT Audience > 50 Days Earlier SHOUTED 'Crucify HIM'

RAN Jesus OUT of CITY > ABANDONED Him to CROSS and GRAVE

v. 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...

Peter GIVES them SCRIPTURE! Carefully Reasoned Explanation OT TEXTS

13 Verses Quotes OT – 11 Verses Exposition – 2 Verses Application

HALF Scripture – HALF Interpretation / Explanation

vs. 15-17 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, *God says*, I will pour out my Spirit on all people....

Confident ASSUMPTION: Audience KNEW SCRIPTURES – Hebrew BIBLE

1st C Jews LOOKING for LAST DAYS and Fulfillment of PROPHECY

40 Days between Resurrection and Ascension > CRASH COURSE on OT....

Jesus: "Everything must be fulfilled that is *written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.*" Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24.44,45

...*giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles* he had chosen... forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Acts 1.1-4

The very words of the Bible and the use of the Bible by God's Spirit are far more important in spiritual work than anything the preacher can say – even if he is an apostle. James Boice

FUTURE HOPE of PROPHETS > FULFILLED NOW in EXALTED JESUS

ISRAEL'S ROLE > ACCOMPLISHED IN JESUS – the TRUE ISRAEL

vs. 29-31 "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 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. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.

David Claims HIS BODY would NOT ROT in Grave > BUT IT DID!

David PROPHESED > SON of David, ROOT of David, LORD of DAVID

Jesus LORD of LIFE > INDESTRUCTIBLE Nature of RISEN LORD

He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. Masai Creed

PROMISE is MADE – Not about DAVID – but about LORD JESUS CHRIST

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

3. Spirit Applies – Turn from Sin, Trust the Savior

Now Jesus from HEAVEN – GIVES the Spirit to GUIDE His Body on EARTH

v. 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.

‘POUR OUT’ – Not Drizzle, HEAVENLY DELUGE > Get DRENCHED!!

v. 17 God says, I will pour out my Spirit *on all people*.

400 Years before Jesus > NO OUTPOURING of Holy Spirit on Israel

NO Prophets sent to PROCLAIM Word of God

Before that OCCASIONAL Outpourings on Judges, Kings, Prophets, Priests

NOW Spirit Poured OUT – NOT on Priests in Temple or Rabbinic Schools

Now in a sudden burst of fresh divine energy released through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God’s spirit has been poured out on a lot of people all at once...slaves and free, male and female, young and old...the nucleus of God’s true people.

N.T. Wright

ALL PEOPLE > for Peter = JEWS Everywhere > HS (Luke?) ALL NATIONS

ALL PEOPLE – Pentecost Day – ONLY JEWS > Soon Samaritans, Gentiles

WHOLE WORLD Can NOW HEAR > Savior of the World HAS COME!

Pentecost – NOT ABOUT ME – What I can GET from GIFT GIVING GOD

INDIVIDUALS Filled > So that the WHOLE HOUSE of God is BLESSED

We know that we live in him and he in us, because *he has given us of his Spirit*.

1 John 4:13-14

Notice the WE – One of Spirit’s PRIMARY Tasks > UNITE the Body as ONE

NOT 2 Groups of Christians – Some Baptized in Spirit and Some Not Yet

If TRUE the Holy Spirit would be the BASIS for DISUNITY in Church

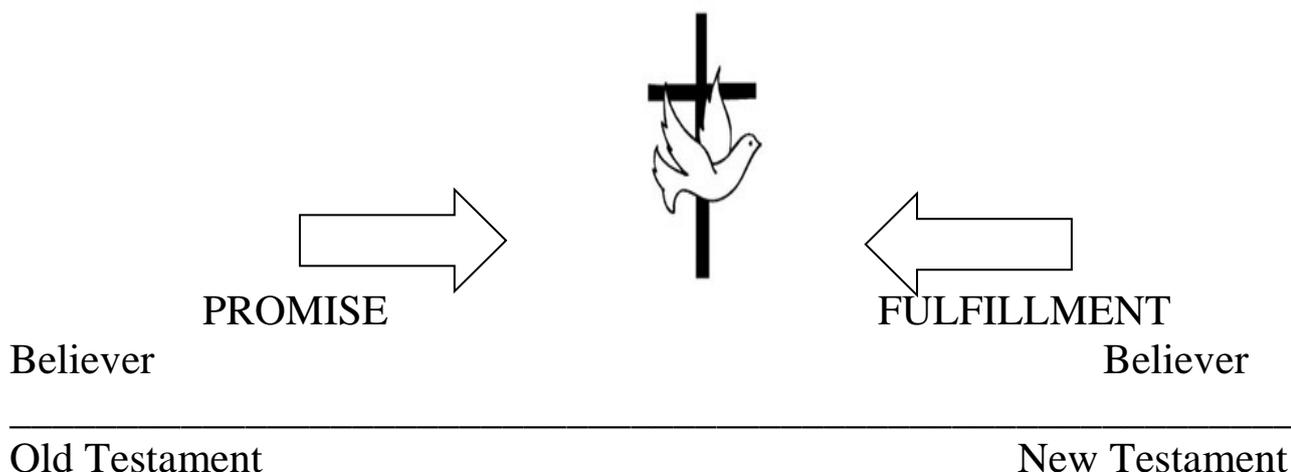
Cannot be CHRISTIAN unless have been BAPTIZED in the Holy Spirit

v. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit > INITIAL Event: BAPTISM

JESUS said WAIT FOR THIS DAY... "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised... you will be *baptized with the Holy Spirit*."

Acts 1.4,5

Word BAPTISM – Always Refers to INITIAL FILLING of Spirit – ONE Time
 PENTECOST Flood Gates OPENED > Spirit ALL FLESH > All NATIONS!!



God's ONCE FOR ALL Events of Salvation – Basis of Faith for All Believers

We are Children of ABRAHAM who share the FAITH of Abraham

He looked FORWARD to PROMISE Coming

We look BACK at PROMISE FULFILLED

Christ has Died – Christ has Risen – Christ has Sent Spirit – X will come Again

At Pentecost > ENTHRONEMENT of Jesus > Sent as SPIRIT of CHRIST

Final Act of Saving Work of Jesus before He Comes Again

Pentecost DAY of VICTORY for EXALTED KING JESUS

Once-for-all, Unrepeatable Event like His Birth, Baptism, Death, Resurrection

The day of Pentecost was the moment in redemptive history when God unlocked the power of the Holy Spirit and gave it to His church, not just for those who were gathered there, but to the church of every age and to every Christian throughout time. That wind, that fire, is as much for us today.... R.C. Sproul

NO COMMAND to BE BAPTIZED with SPIRIT > ONE TIME Event

Rather **COMMANDED** to be **CONTINUOUSLY FILLED** with the SPIRIT

Baptism of the Spirit	Filling with the Spirit
Corporate: <i>'I belong to His Body'</i>	Individual: <i>'My body belongs to Him'</i>
Event: Once for All Time	Experience: Continuous
Position: Unites us with Christ	Purity: Makes me like Christ

v. 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

CORRUPT GENERATION – Families, Elders, Priests > CRUCIFIED JESUS!

CLEAN BREAK with DEAD RELIGION > Meaningless Sacrifices & Rituals

vs. 38,39 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Two Stipulations: REPENT and BELIEVE

Two Promises: FORGIVENESS and HOLY SPIRIT

REPENT > TURN AROUND – Leave your Sin, Live for God

BELIEVE > Whole SOUL EMBRACES Person of Jesus – Living Relationship

BAPTISM is NOT a NECESSARY REQUIREMENT for SALVATION

BAPTISM is the OUTWARD CONFIRMATION of INWARD Transformation

One of the major obstacles that many have to becoming a Christian is the fear of reprisals – from other gods, from religious leaders, from government authorities, and from family, community and friends. They fear curses, persecution, ridicule, and discrimination. I know many Buddhists and Hindus who are convinced of the truthfulness of Christianity but who will not become Christians because of such fears. We need to show them that the only one really to fear is the supreme Lord of the universe, who will conquer all rebellion against him. The safest thing to do is align ourselves with him.

Ajith Fernando

Our LIFE is on LOAN > Borrowed from God > TEMPORARY Possession
GOD is LIFE > Eternally Alive > He is the I AM > Everlasting PRESENT
THE SON also has LIFE IN HIMSELF

WITHOUT GOD > Hopelessly Dead – Spiritually, Physically, Eternally
IN GOD > thru WIND of His POWERFUL VOICE > MARVELOUSLY ALIVE
DEAD SINNNER like ME > Heard God's Life-giving Voice > NOW Alive

Has God gotten YOUR Attention?

MAN is only ONE-BREATH Person > Breathes IN & OUT > One Day STOP
GOD's Spirit > ETERNAL Wind of Heaven > SOURCE of ALL BREATH
Will you TRUST Man's HOT AIR, or GOD'S MIGHTY WIND?

Acts 2.14- 41

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 men 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 heaven 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.'

²²"Men of Israel, listen to this: 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. ²³This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But 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. ²⁵David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' ²⁹"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³Exalted 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand ³⁵until

I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' ³⁶"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. NIV