

The Week in the Word

Acts Worksheet #4: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Passage: Acts 2:1-13

Sermon Dates: Nov. 23-24

Study Period: Nov. 18-23

Link Group Meetings: Nov. 25-29

D.L. Moody is reported to have said once:

“You might as well try to see without eyes, hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as to try to live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit.”

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was an event that had great importance. See the following passages for some background:

- It was prophesied in the Old Testament (Joel 2:28-32)
- It was prophesied by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:11,12)
- It was prophesied by Jesus (John 16:7; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)
- The disciples were actually told not to leave Jerusalem until this event came to pass. (Acts 1:4)

Only the power of the Holy Spirit could equip them for the work that God had called them to do, so their witness was not to begin until they were given this power from the Spirit.

1. If you could speak another language fluently, which one would you choose? Why?

2. Read Acts 2:1-13. On what day are these events occurring? (2:1)

3. What group of people was gathered together? (2:1; compare 1:15)

4. Where were these people, and what were they doing? (2:1,2,4)

5. What did these people actually hear and see? (2:2-3)

6. Why would God choose these things?

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7. When these “tongues of fire” came to rest on them, what effect did it have on the disciples? (2:4)
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8. Who was staying in Jerusalem? (2:5)
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9. How did the visitors react when they heard men speaking their own languages? (2:6-11)
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10. What topic were the disciples preaching to the crowd? (2:11) What do you think they would say about this topic?
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11. What accusation was made? (2:13)
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12. Why would this be unlikely? (2:15)
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13. If **you** saw the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, how do you think you would have responded? Why?
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14. For which areas of your life are you most aware of your need for the Holy Spirit’s enabling power? Why?