

## **Acts 2**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus prayed for another Comforter - someone like Himself - to come to the disciples after His departure.
- B. The Spirit of God shall actually become a part of you as you partake in the divine nature.
- C. We are encouraged to be under the influence and control of the Spirit of God, and this means to be in the Word, in prayer, in fellowship, live in obedience to Christ and witness.

### II. Many Jews gathered for the popular feast of the Pentecost in Jerusalem while the disciples awaited the promised Holy Spirit.

- A. Jesus' plan for a world witness was to give the disciples tongues to speak in the various languages of the Jews from all over who were present at the feast of Pentecost.
- B. One of the greatest testimonies there was the transformed lives of the Apostles.
- C. One of the first things that Peter does in his impromptu sermon was to quote Scripture. (Joel 2:28-32)
  - 1. Peter learned to quote Scripture from Jesus.
  - 2. Quoting the Scriptures was a central thing. (1:16, 1:20, 1:16, 1:25, 3:2)

### III. Peter explains that Jesus was crucified by the divine plan and the wickedness of man, but this man was raised from the dead for the forgiveness of sins.

- A. Peter preached the gospel.
- B. He preached the Lordship of Christ.
- C. As a result the new community was in the Word, prayer and fellowship together centered on Christ.
- D. The believing community also shared all they had in common.
  - 1. The purpose of this had to do with the Great Commission.
  - 2. This was to develop the disciples who were new converts at the time.
  - 3. They shared out of necessity to fulfill the Great Commission - everyone had their needs met who came from abroad to engage in the training program there.

### IV. One of the deepest needs of the day is spiritually qualified and trained men who can be effective for God.

A. Without training a spiritual babe can starve.

B. The intent of the Apostles was to train the new converts so that they would be effective abroad.

**Application questions**

1. Explain the importance of Scripture memory in the early church. What relevance does this have for ministry today?

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2. Why did the church share everything in common after Pentecost? Is this a model for the present church? Explain.

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3. What elements are important in “God’s training program,” and how are you getting involved in it?

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