

## Following the Real Jesus: Pentecost—Holy Spirit

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Acts 2:1-7, 11-13, 22-23, 32  
Acts 2:36-38, 41-42, 47

Following the Real Jesus: Jesus has started a new thing called The Church.

The Church:

It's not a building. It's not a hierarchy. It's not a ritual. It's God's people. And, it's their mission.

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a noise like a strong, blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Acts 2:1–2

<sup>3</sup> They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person there.

<sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages by the power the Holy Spirit was giving them. Acts 2:3-4

<sup>5</sup> There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world.

<sup>6</sup> When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Acts 2:5–6

<sup>7</sup> They were completely amazed at this. They said, “Look! Aren't all these people that we hear speaking from Galilee? Acts 2:7

<sup>11</sup> But we hear them telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!” <sup>12</sup> They were all amazed and confused, asking each other, “What does this mean?” Acts 2:11–12

God is not favoring any right language or culture. Jesus is for every culture and people. Everyone is invited to know and hear in their own language about the great things God has done.

<sup>13</sup> But others were making fun of them, saying, “They have had too much wine.” Acts 2:13

Incoherent and having a great time! Holy Spirit brings joy to Jesus followers when they are sharing what God has done.

<sup>22</sup> “People of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus from Nazareth was a very special man. God clearly showed this to you by the miracles, wonders, and signs he did through Jesus. You all know this, because it happened right here among you. Acts 2:22

<sup>23b</sup> Jesus was given to you, and with the help of those who don't know the law, you put him to death by nailing him to a cross. Acts 2:23b

<sup>23a</sup> But this was God's plan which he had made long ago; he knew all this would happen. Acts 2:23a

You made a huge mistake, a terrible injustice. God had it planned that way from the beginning.

<sup>32</sup> So Jesus is the One whom God raised from the dead. And we are all witnesses to this. Acts 2:32

<sup>36</sup> “So, all the people of Israel should know this truly: God has made Jesus—the man you nailed to the cross—both Lord and Christ.” Acts 2:36

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they felt guilty and asked Peter and the other apostles, “What shall we do?” Acts 2:37

Cut to the heart—their sin became personal to them.

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each 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. Acts 2:38

Repentance: To change one’s way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude.

“At Sunday worship, as in every dimension of our existence, many of us pretend to believe we are sinners. Consequently, all we can do is pretend to believe we have been forgiven. As a result, our whole spiritual life is pseudo-repentance and pseudo-bliss.” ~ Brennan Manning

<sup>41</sup> Then those people who accepted what Peter said were baptized. About three thousand people were added to the number of believers that day. Acts 2:41

<sup>42</sup> They spent their time learning the apostles’ teaching, sharing, breaking bread, and praying together. Acts 2:42

<sup>47</sup> They praised God and were liked by all the people. Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the group of believers. Acts 2:47

They want to know more about Jesus. They want to know Jesus more.  
They want to be with other believers. They want more people to know.