

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!

(Acts 2:1-11)

I. THE ADVENT OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

A. The Holy Spirit Comes on the Feast of Pentecost (2:1-11)

1. People gathered in Jerusalem for the annual Feast of Pentecost. (v. 1)
 - a. “*Pentecost*” is a Greek word, transliterated into English, that means “_____” because this feast was held _____ after the Feast of Firstfruits. (Lev. 23:15-22)
 - b. Out of all the Jewish festivals, this particular feast was the one _____ attended by _____.
2. While these believers were gathered together, “*there came a _____ from _____*” like that of “*a rushing, mighty _____*.” (v. 2)
3. Interestingly, the Greek word *pneuma* could be translated as either “_____”, “breath” or “_____”.
4. What they _____ was followed by what they _____; what looked like flames of fire appeared and settled on _____ one of them. (v. 3)
5. Even though Luke only mentions the _____ of the Spirit (in 2:4a), we know that these believers were also _____ and _____ by the Spirit because of what Jesus promised (Acts 1:4-5; John 14:16-17). (cf., Acts 11:15-16)

6. These believers began to speak with “*other tongues*”; this gift was given as the Holy Spirit gave them the ability. (v. 4b)

a. Tongues were the God-given ability by the Holy Spirit to _____ in a _____ foreign _____ without the learning process.

b. The word “*tongues*” (Gk *glossolia*) and “*languages*” (Gk *dialektos*) refer to _____ of a country or district.

7. Apparently the “*sound*” of the _____ or the _____ drew the people to find the source of the sound; some of these Jews who had come to Jerusalem for the Feast were from the _____ regions. (vv. 5-6a)

8. First these spectators were _____, “*because everyone heard them speak in his own language*”; but then they were _____ and _____ that the tongue speakers were Galileans. (vv. 6b-8)

9. In verses 9 thru 11, Luke named _____ different geographical locations and clearly stated that the citizens of those places heard Peter and the others in _____ they could _____.

* What was the content of these divine utterances? (v. 11b)

* What can you personally apply from this pivotal passage?