

I. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost (v. 1a)

A. Pentecost was an Old Testament feast fulfilled

1. It celebrates a new harvest

“Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord.”
(Leviticus 23:16)

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”
(Acts 2:41)

2. It celebrates Jesus as the bread of life

“From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord.” (Leviticus 23:17)

3. It celebrates the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.” (Acts 1:4)

II. The believers were waiting in obedience to Jesus (v. 1b)

III. The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 2-4)

A. They heard the sound of a violent wind

“Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, o breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” (Ezekiel 37:9)

1. The Holy Spirit is God

2. The Holy Spirit is powerful

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.”
(Ephesians 3:16)

3. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent

B. They saw tongues of fire

“I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north – an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light.” (Ezekiel 1:4)

1. The Holy Spirit purifies our hearts

“But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire.”
(Malachi 3:2)

2. The Holy Spirit empowers our lives

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” (Acts 1:8)

3. The Holy Spirit fills us individually

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

C. They were enabled to speak in other languages

1. This gift enabled them to begin to reach the world

IV. The believers experienced powerful impact (v. 5-13)

A. Jews from all nations were present

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

B. They were amazed at hearing their own languages

C. They heard about the wonders of God

D. Their message with met with seekers and mockers