

Acts 2:1-4

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST Poured OUT

- I. A crowning event.
 - A. Jesus followers were “with one accord in one place.”
 - 1. Likely that they were in a large “upper room” (1:13) - a room in the upper part of a house or building.
 - 2. They were “with one accord,” i.e., with one mind, with one passion waiting (now ten days) in Jerusalem.
 - B. The promise of the exalted Savior was the sending of the Savior’s Spirit to the church of the Savior.
 - 1. Church of the Old Dispensation did not have the Spirit of Christ (John 7:39), only spiritual works which realized salvation.
 - 2. The exalted Savior used His Spirit to give the blessings of salvation, abiding “in you” “with you forever” (John 14:16-18).
 - C. Thus, Pentecost is the crowning event in Jesus’s ministry.
- II. The exalted Savior sent His Spirit upon the church accompanied by important and significant signs.
 - A. The signs were necessary to reveal an invisible reality.
 - B. The “sound” from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, which sound filled all the house (2).
 - C. “Cloven tongues like as of fire” which “sat upon each of them” (3).
 - D. And Jesus’s followers “began to speak with other tongues (4).
- III. The great significance of this event is that “they were all filled with the Holy Ghost” (4).
 - A. “All” indicates the 120 (1:15b), who represent the whole church of the New Dispensation – not just the apostles.
 - B. The light which was dim in the Old Dispensation became much brighter light; shadows became reality.
 - 1. Now every believer is in the office of all-believer, not just a few, for all are prophets, priests, and kings (Rev. 1:6; 5:10).
 - 2. Now every believer can speak of “the wonderful works of God” (11).