

**The Department of Church Growth and Development**  
**Bible Study Outline from the Book of Acts**

Scripture lesson: Acts 2:1-47 Key Verses Acts 2:32,33,36

**Lesson#2: The coming of the Holy Spirit & The Birth of the Church**

**Proposition:** The Holy Spirit is The Dynamic Presence of God in the Church, which gives it life, enables it to grow and empower it to share the gospel effectively.

**I. The Phenomenal coming of the Holy Spirit (1-4)**

- A. The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. (1)
  - 1. The followers of Christ were together in the upper room.
  - 2. The followers of Christ were on one accord.
- B. The Holy Spirit came sounding like a mighty rushing wind. (2)
- C. The Holy Spirit came with what seemed as tongues of fire. (3)
- D. The Holy Spirit came filled everyone in the room. (4)
  - 1. He rested on each of them.
  - 2. He enabled them all to speak in other tongues. (languages)

**II. The Crowd's Reaction to the Phenomenon (5-13)**

- A. Devout Jews from everywhere were staying in Jerusalem. (5)
- B. Because of the sound heard, a large crowd gathered. (6)
- C. It amazed them to hear their own languages being spoken. (6-12)
  - 1. They recognized that those speaking were Galileans. (7)
  - 2. They wondered how they could speak these languages. (8-11)
  - 3. They heard the wonders of God in their own language. (11)
  - 4. They wondered what this could mean. (12)
- D. Others mocked' saying that they were drunk with new wine. (13)

**III. The Apostle Peter's Explanation of the Phenomenon. (14-21)**

- A. Peter addressed the Jew and those staying in Jerusalem. (14)
- B. He arose to explain the meaning of this phenomenon. (14)
- C. He assured them that it was not drunkenness. (15)
- D. He said that it was the fulfillment of Joel's prophesy. (16-21; Joel 2:28-32)
  - 1. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days. (17)
  - 2. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all people. (17,18)
  - 3. The Holy Spirit empowering all flesh for ministry. (17,18)
    - a. People of both genders (sons & daughters)
    - b. People of all ages (young & old)
    - c. People of all classes (menservants & maidservants)
  - 4. The Holy Spirit enabling salvation for people. (21)

**IV. The Apostle Peter's preaching about the Lord, Jesus Christ (22-36)**

- A. Peter addressed the men of Israel. (22)
- B. Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested by God. (22)
  - 1. He was attested to them by miracles, wonders & signs.
  - 2. These signs were done by God through Him in their midst.

- c. Jesus was delivered by God's set purpose & foreknowledge. (23)
- d. Jesus was crucified by them with the help of wicked men. (23)
- e. Jesus was resurrected by God & loosed from death's agony. (24)
- f. Jesus resurrection was prophesied by David. (25-31) Psalm 16:8-11]
  - 1. God's presence inspires hope when facing death. (25,26)
  - 2. God's presence inspires hope of a resurrection. (27)
  - 3. God's presence inspires hope of life and joy. (28)
  - 4. David's prophesy was not concerning himself. (29)
  - 5. David knew that God would raise Christ to his thorn. (30)
  - 6. David was speaking about the resurrection of Christ. (31)
- G. Jesus was raised by God and they are all witnesses. (32)
- H. Jesus was exalted to the right hand of God. (33)
- I. Jesus received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit. (33)
- J. Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit that they now see & hear. (33)
- K. Jesus ascension & exaltation were prophesied by David. (34, 35) (Psalm 110:1)
  - 1. David never ascended into heavens.
  - 2. David prophesied Christ's exaltation & Victory.
- L. Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord & Christ. (36)

#### **V. The people's response to the Gospel (37-41)**

- A. Convicted by the message, the people sought instructions. (37)
- B. Peter instructed & exhorted them about salvation. (38-40)
  - 1. "Repent and be baptized" (38)
    - a. "in the names of Jesus Christ for remission of sins"
    - b. "and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
  - 2. The promise is for you and your children "(39)
    - a. "and to all who are afar off"
    - b. "as many as the Lord our God will call"
  - 3. "Be saved from this perverse generation. "
- C. 3000 were baptized and added to the church that day. (41)

#### **VI. The evidences of Holy Spirit's presence in the church. (42-47)**

- A. Devout attendance to the appointed means of grace" (42)
  - 1. The ministry of the word
  - 2. The fellowship of the saints
  - 3. The communion service and /or fellowship meals
  - 4. The prayer meetings
- B. Respect for leaders as agents of God's supernatural power (43)
- C. Unity among the believers (44-46)
  - 1. Sharing resources (44,45)
  - 2. Caring for the needs of all (45)
  - 3. Worshipping together in the temple (46)
  - 4. Eating together in their homes (46)
  - 5. Sincerely enjoying each other's fellowship (46)
- D. Passionate praise (47)
- E. Favor with the people of the community (47)
- F. Spiritual and numerical growth (47)