

Title: **Filled with New Wine**
Text: **Acts 2:1-13**
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Big Idea

We may be prone to think that the day of Pentecost is primarily about the Holy Spirit. And, seen from one angle, certainly that is the case. But, at the deepest level, Pentecost is first about Jesus before it is ever about the Holy Spirit. Indeed, we can't even understand what is happening in Acts 2 without seeing it in relation to Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Ultimately, it's about him! And here's what it's telling us about him: he's the new Adam, the new Abraham, the new Moses, and he's bringing the new wine!

Here's the spark that fires up the engine that's still roaring onward to this very day. A gospel bomb goes off in Jerusalem—the effects of which the world is still experiencing even now. Think about it: We're in this room this morning because of what took place in that room on that morning. This is big!

1. Jesus Is the New Adam

In Gen. 1-2, we see the Spirit of God hovering over the face of the deep. And then we see God breathing into Adam, giving him life. And then, later, here in Acts 2, the Spirit is hovering over a fallen creation now, a people who have devolved into chaos. There's darkness in our hearts. We're formless and void in our sin. And yet we're being recreated, remade by the breath of God in Jesus (cf. John 20:22). Jesus is the new Adam. He's the start of a new humanity.

2. Jesus Is the New Abraham

Jesus is the new Abraham. He's the one who ultimately brings fulfillment of all God was aiming at in the first. He is the one who would mediate God's blessing to all the nations of the earth. He's reversing the curse of Babel. He's bringing the peoples together. Where at Babel they spoke one language in the beginning but ended divided,

here now they begin diverse and divided, with many languages, and yet they end united together, understanding one another, because of the cross. The Holy Spirit humbles us and helps us put aside our arrogance and our ego, our bigotry and our judgment, and we can truly listen and care. Because that's what Jesus has done for us.

3. Jesus Is the New Moses

Have you ever struggled with sin—you look into your heart and you wonder: What's wrong with me? Why am I going there? Why am I doing that? How do I get better? You don't get better by trying to bear up in your own strength and carry the law of God as it's inscribed in tablets of stone. You can't carry it. The starting place isn't to buck up and try harder, it's to come to the cross. See the One, the only One, who could carry that, who did—he fulfilled the law at every point, and yet he gave himself over to a sinner's death, under the judgment of a holy God. He threw himself into the fire for you. So the fire changes from something that terrifies and destroys to something that warms and melts. You experience his love for you and that makes you more loving toward him and others. That's how you change. You don't fall in line. You fall in love.

4. Jesus Brings the New Wine

What Jesus is doing, what he brings us in the Spirit, it is likened to new wine in the Scriptures (cf. John 2:1-11; Luke 5:33-39). It's all just a way of getting at the joy, the celebration, the satisfaction, the abundance, the pleasure of knowing God now like we can because of Jesus. Paul says: "[D]o not get drunk with wine . . . but be filled with the Spirit . . ." (Eph. 5:18). Some of us are trying to drink the wine of this world. We want to get filled. But it won't work. Paul says: "If you want that kind of filling, that kind of holy intoxication, you've got to drink in the new wine of the Spirit, the new wine that Jesus brings!"

Reflection Questions

- How have you understood the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 before this sermon? Which of the four points outlined above stood out most to you and why? Which of the implications seemed most relevant to your own life?

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When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Announcement Spotlight

All Church Hangout - Next Sunday!

On occasional Sundays throughout the year we invite the church to enjoy picnic-style afternoons together immediately following the service.

The Plan: After service, bring or buy your lunch and join us at the tables out back for a picnic-style afternoon. We'll also have the gym to play in!

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We are excited to announce that we'll be hosting an All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 23rd-25th! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

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