

Baptized by Fire

Acts 1:8 (NLT) 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 2:1-4 (NLT) On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. **3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages or tongues, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

2 Corinthians 3:17 – “Now the Lord is the Spirit.”

1. The SETTING

Acts 2:1 (NLT) 1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

3 Historical Insights into Pentecost

1. Pentecost was a pilgrim festival.

2. Pentecost was a holiday.

3. There were certain celebrations and sacrifices and offerings which were prescribed in the Law for the day of Pentecost.

Psalms 133:1-3 (MEV) 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! **2** It is like precious oil upon the head, that runs down on the beard— even Aaron’s beard—and going down to the collar of his garments; **3** as the dew of Hermon, that descends upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forever.

Acts 2:43-44 (NIV) 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were TOGETHER and had everything in common.

2. The SOUND

Acts 2:2 (NLT) 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

3. The SIGHT

Acts 2:3 (NLT) 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

4. The SPEECH.

Acts 2:4 (NLT) 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages or tongues, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) They began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

-The Holy Spirit wants to **invade** you, He wants control of all of your life!

-The Holy Spirit wants to **envelop** you, He wants to bring you out and deliver you!

-The Holy Spirit wants to **instruct** you, He wants to teach you and show you the will of God for your life!

-The Holy Spirit wants to **impress** you, The Old Timers would call this "getting the witness." He wants to tell you things that you would not know on your own!

-The Holy Spirit wants to **indwell**, He wants to be permanently present.