

**Main Text:** Acts 2:1-13

**Main Point:** To introduce Pentecost/give a broad explanation of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**Introduction:** Before we get into our main text today I would like to introduce today's message (and the next several weeks) by going ahead in the book of Acts all the way to chapter 18.

Acts Chapter 2 is **FAR TOO IMPORTANT** to attempt to cover in only one or even two weeks. We will be camping out here for a while.

There is a man named Apollos who we get to know in this passage, and he comes onto the scene like a firecracker. He is an explosive force for Christ.

- He is a powerful and charismatic speaker. **(Eloquent)**
- He knows the Bible forwards and backwards. **(Highly Educated)**
- He was on fire for God.
- He was a captivating teaching and taught accurately about Jesus.

#### **Acts 18:24-26**

<sup>24</sup> Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and *taught accurately* the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> ***He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.***

#### **Acts 19:1-7**

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

I think that a lot of people in our church and in the church world at large have a lot in common with Apollos. They are good people, on fire for God, passionate for Jesus, knowledgeable in the Scriptures...but they have yet to go to the next level in the Holy Spirit.

They have been taught accurately regarding the things of Jesus...but they need to be taught *more accurately*.

THERE IS MORE OF GOD TO EXPERIENCE...he doesn't just want to save you and help you save others...HE WANTS TO EMPOWER YOU!

**Main Text:**

**2** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.**3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”**8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” **12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, **“What does this mean?”** **13** But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

**Verse 12** is the question that we are going to be answering over the next several weeks. They were asking the question then (even when they had a front row seat) and they are asking the question now!

**4 Part Series**

- 1) What actually happened on the Day of Pentecost?
- 2) Why did it happen in that particular way? Why tongues and languages?
- 3) Is the gift of tongues for us today? If so, is it for me?
- 4) How can I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

**Conclusion:**

Jesus said this in **chapter 1**. Remember his orders to them...

<sup>4</sup> *And while staying with them **he ordered them** (an imperative from his commanding officer, **God**) not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

- 1) Start praying now...God I want all that you have for me.
- 2) Start seeking Jesus. He is the baptizer. He is the one who has given the Spirit. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN...your prayer is JESUS HELP ME TO RECEIVE WHAT YOU HAVE ALREADY GIVEN.