

# ***Bible Study***

## ***Gods Word in Focus***



**Week Thirty Three**

**Acts of the Apostles**

***Acts 2:1-47***

# The Holy Spirit comes

Acts 2:1-13

Ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven, on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out as promised.

With the sound of a rushing mighty wind, and with tongues of fire appearing above their heads, those filled with the Holy Spirit begin to speak in other tongues.

Devout Jews visiting from other countries are attracted and amazed as they hear wonderful works of God proclaimed in their own languages

# Peter speaks to the crowd

Acts 2:14-36

Peter, standing with the rest of the apostles, explains that what has happened is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy ([Joel 2:28-32](#)), who foretold that God would pour out His Spirit in the last days.

He then preaches Jesus of Nazareth to the crowd, reminding them of His miracles, their involvement in His death, and proclaiming that God raised Him from the dead.

As proof for the resurrection, Peter offers three lines of evidence:

- 1) the prophecy by David, who foretold of the resurrection ([Ps 16:8-11](#));
- 2) the twelve apostles as witnesses;
- 3) the Spirit's outpouring itself , indicative of Christ's exaltation and reception of the promise of the Spirit from the Father.

In conclusion, Peter pronounces that God has made Jesus, whom they crucified, both Lord and Christ.

# **This is how the believers lived**

**Acts 2:37-47**

Cut to the heart, the people ask the apostles what they should do. Peter commands them to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins and gift of the Holy Spirit.

With many other words he exhorts them to be saved, and about 3000 souls gladly receive his word and are baptized.

Thus begins the church in Jerusalem, which continues steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. Signs and wonders are done by the apostles, while the believers display their love and devotion through acts of benevolence and frequent worship.

They enjoy the favor of the people, and the Lord adds to the church daily those being saved.