



## “The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit”

Acts 2:1-13  
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**The Big Idea:** The Church is dependent upon the **power** and **work** of the Holy Spirit. The day of Pentecost was one of the most important moments in the history of **redemption**. A Christian that is ignorant of the Holy Spirit and attempts to live free from the Holy Spirit will fail.

### Acts 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.” <sup>12</sup> And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”

### WHAT IS PENTECOST?

- The day of Pentecost was one of the three great **harvest feasts** that God commanded the people of Israel to observe (Ex 23:14-19).
- Pentecost comes 50 days after **Passover**.

- What we see take place on the day of Pentecost is a deliberate and dramatic reversal of the curse of Babel.

### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- The Holy Spirit is a **person**.
- The Holy Spirit is **God**.
- The Holy Spirit is a God-given **gift**.
- The Holy Spirit cannot be **manufactured**.
- The Holy Spirit gives **life**.
- The Holy Spirit brings **light**.
- The Holy Spirit brings warmth and **comfort**.
- The Holy Spirit brings **power**.
- The Holy Spirit brings conviction.
- The Holy Spirit **draws** in and **sends** out.
- The Holy Spirit stimulates a **response**.
- The Holy Spirit **points** to Christ.
- The Holy Spirit **descends** because Christ **ascends**.
- The Holy Spirit moves in mysterious ways.
- The Holy Spirit brings **joy**.

“Pentecost was a watershed moment in the history of the church. The day of Pentecost was that moment in redemptive history when God unlocked the power of the Holy Spirit and gave it to His church, not just for those who were gathered there, but to the church of every age and to every Christian throughout time. That wind, that fire, is as much for us today as it was for those gathered in the upper room.”

-R.C. Sproul