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The Day of Pentecost **Acts 2:1-13**

I. The Significance of Pentecost (v. 1)

- A. _____ in the Old Testament (Ex. 23:16; 34:22-23; Lev. 23:16-20)
- B. _____ as planned on God's sovereign calendar (Jn. 14:26; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14)
- C. _____ God's objective of filling His people (Acts 2:41; 4:4; John 14:16-17; Ezek. 36:26; Eph. 5:1, 18)

II. The Sudden Arrival of the Holy Spirit (vv. 2-4)

- A. The _____ between the baptism of the holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit (v. 2) [1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Matt. 3:11; Eph. 5:18]

B. The _____ tongues rested on each one of them (v. 3) [1 Cor. 12:10]

C. The _____ characteristic of tongues as a language (v. 4) [1 Cor. 14:19, 21-22; Deut. 28:49; Isa. 28:11-12]

III. The Spiritual Gift of Speaking in Tongues (vv. 5-13)

- A. It was _____ (vv. 5-7)
- B. It was _____ (v. 8)
- C. It was _____ (vv. 9-11a)
- D. It was _____ (vv. 11b-13)
- E. It was _____ (1 Cor. 13:8-12)

TAKE HOME

- How can understanding the Day of Pentecost encourage you with God's promises and His fulfillment?
- Why is understanding the difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit so important?
- What was the gift of tongues and how was it used in this passage? How does that encourage you today?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placertachurch.com.

1. Read Ephesians 3:4-6. What is a mystery in the Bible? What is the mystery discussed and revealed in this passage? How does that tie in with the day of Pentecost in Acts 2?

2. Read Acts 2:1. Now look at Ex. 23:16; 34:22-23; Lev. 23:16-20. What was the feast of Pentecost all about? How does this fit in with God’s sovereign timing of the beginning of the church? (2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14)

3. Read Acts 2:2. What is the difference between being baptized with the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Holy Spirit? Why is this important to understand? (1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Matt. 3:11; Eph. 5:18)

4. Read Acts 2:3. What was the gift of speaking in tongues? Do you agree that it was a real language? Why or why not? (1 Cor. 12:10)

5. Read Acts 2:4. Now look at 1 Corinthians 14:19, 21-22. How was tongues a demonstration of judgment on Israel? How was this gift a sign to unbelievers?

6. Read Acts 2:5-13. How do these verses give further insights on speaking in tongues?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-12. What do these verses teach about the cessation of tongues? How does that play out in the church today?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? How will you be filled by the Spirit and walk in the truth this week based on what you learned from this passage?

*“God gave us His law in one language to one nation,
but He gave His gospel in all languages to all nations.”*

- William MacDonald, *Believer’s Bible Commentary*