

# FROM GOD WITH US TO GOD IN US

*Acts 2:1-13*

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*<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

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

## I. What did Pentecost mean for *them*?

- Pentecost means "*fiftieth day*." It was also called the "Feast of Weeks" because it was celebrated seven weeks after Passover. This was one of the three great annual Jewish feasts when Jews from around the world would travel to Jerusalem and worship, and it commemorated God's appearing and giving of the Mosaic Law at Mount Sinai after the first Passover and the Exodus from Egypt.
- In His perfect timing, God chose Pentecost as the occasion after Jesus' ascension to again "come down" to His people and fulfill His promises to them:
  - *Joel 2:28-29*
  - *Ezekiel 36:26-28*
  - *John 14-16*
  - *Luke 24:46-49*
  - *Acts 1:4-5*

### ***Extra Notes***

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## II. What does Pentecost mean for us?

As Christians, we are just as much God's people *today* as those first Christians were *then*.

These events that Luke recorded two thousand years ago at that historic Pentecost are *equally significant* for us today in at least four ways:

1. *An Outside Power*
2. *An Inner Renewal*
3. *A Bold Witness*
4. *A Better Moses*

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**Quote: John R. W. Stott**

*"Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from his fruit, and no effective witness without his power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."*

*The Message of Acts: The Spirit, the Church & the World, The Bible Speaks Today (Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994), 60.*