

The Day of Pentecost

Act 2:1-41

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told His disciples to go to Jerusalem. He said there, they would receive the Holy Spirit. The disciples were together in a house when the day of Pentecost arrived. Suddenly they heard a sound from heaven. It sounded like a rushing, mighty wind. Then there appeared tongues like fire, that sat on each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking different languages. Men from different parts of the world were staying in Jerusalem at that time. When they heard the commotion coming from the house, they hurried there. They knew that the disciples were from Galilee, but every man could hear and understand them in his own language. Everyone was truly amazed. They said, "We have heard the wonderful works of God."

Some of the crowd mocked them, saying they must be drunk. When Peter heard this, he boldly stood up and began to preach. He said, "It is early in the day. These men are not drunk like you think. This is the gift of the Spirit, God promised he would send." Peter preached about Jesus. He told of how they had crucified Jesus and He rose from the dead. When the crowd heard Peter's words, they asked what they should do. Peter answered them, "If you turn from your sins and are baptized, you too, will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." That day 3,000 people gladly heard about Jesus and were baptized.

When Peter received the gift of the Holy Spirit, he became bold and told others about Jesus. God will give this same precious gift to us, and we will receive that same boldness.

Search: The disciples heard the sound of a rushing, mighty wind. They saw tongues of fire sit upon each one in the house. Find the 10 tongues of fire hidden in the picture.



