



*the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*

*Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."*

### **Conviction, Repentance and Faith**

*Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

*Acts 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"*

*Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

*Acts 2:40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."*

*Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

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# THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

## **The Early Church**

The Story, part 28

Apostles and Epistles, part 1

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### **The mission**

*Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and **you shall be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.*

### **The Holy Spirit**

*John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.<sup>14</sup> He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*

*Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem; wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."*

*Acts 1:5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit.**"*



- His presence permanent, not temporary.
- Indwelt, not just outside them

## Pentecost (Acts 2)

*Acts 2:2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

*Acts 2:6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.*

*<sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ...we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"*

<u>Compare:</u>	<u>Babel</u>	<u>Pentecost</u>
God's:	Judgment	Blessing
People	Scattered	United the believers
People	Not understand	Understood what was said
Designed to:	Praise men	Praise God
Act of:	Rebellion	Submission to God

*Acts 2:12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"*

*Acts 2:16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:  
<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all*



*people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, ...*

*Acts 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

## The good news: how it happened

**Proof #1:** the person of Jesus Christ.

*Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.*

*Acts 2:24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*

**Proof #2:** Prophecy of David. Quotes (Psalm 16:8-11)

*Acts 2:25 David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'*

**Proof #3:** Witness of the believers.

*Acts 2:32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.*

**Proof #4:** the presence of the Holy Spirit (vv. 33-36)

*Acts 2:33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from*