



Title | The Birthday Spirit
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 2:1-21
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Sermon Notes

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. **5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." **12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." **14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. **15** For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel . . ." *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Acts 1:11

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Does it sometimes seem that the Lord asks you to do some things that you just can't do? Do you ever feel overwhelmed or under-qualified to be a witness for Christ? Read Acts 1:8. How do you think those who originally heard these words from Jesus felt about their own ability to do what Jesus expects?

Tuesday:

Read Acts 2:1-21. What is it that the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus's followers to do? How is this related to their assignment in Acts 1:8?

Wednesday:

Reread Acts 2:1-5. What is the historical significance of the day of Pentecost in relation to the coming of the Holy Spirit? Why was this an opportune time?

Thursday:

According to Acts 2:11, the disciples spoke in tongues about "the mighty works of God." Given what had just transpired over the 50 days prior, which mighty works in particular do you think they talked about? How does this fit with Acts 1:8?

Friday:

If you are a believer in Jesus, how is Acts 2:1-21 helpful to you as you think about what God has called you to do?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for coming to dwell inside me in the person of the Holy Spirit. Help me not to worry so much about my own inadequacies and to trust that you will help me do whatever you ask me to do.
Amen.