



# WORK OF THE SPIRIT

## Acts Chapter 2

Lesson 2

### FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. What thought remains with you from your study last week?
2. The adventure begins here in Chapter 2 of Acts! The events recorded in this chapter mark the birth of the Church. Before the Holy Spirit filled the disciples, they met and prayed behind locked doors. However, under the anointing of the Spirit, the disciples began to proclaim *the wonderful works of God*. Peter also received boldness to publicly proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to give a scriptural explanation for the phenomena the visitors in Jerusalem witnessed. From this point on, believers began to carry out miraculous exploits in Jesus' name and take the Gospel to the world. This same Holy Spirit is needed in the church today and is available to any believer who asks God. God desires to work through every Christian by the power of the Holy Spirit. Read Acts chapter 2 and briefly summarize the events of each section:
  - a. Acts 2:1-13
  - b. Acts 2:14-24
  - c. Acts 2:25-39
  - d. Acts 2:40-47
3. Knowing that the filling of the Holy Spirit is essential to the study of God's Word, ask Him to fill you anew.

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.*  
Acts 2:4

**SECOND DAY:** Read Acts 2:1-13

1. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples remained in Jerusalem as He had commanded them. On the Day of Pentecost, *they were all with one accord in one place* (Acts 2:1). From Acts 2:2-4 answer the following questions:
  - a. Describe what *suddenly* happened. Acts 2:2
  - b. What *appeared* upon each of the disciples? Acts 2:3
    - (1) Link this with Luke 3:16 and share your thoughts.
  - c. What happened next? Acts 2:4a
  - d. What did the disciples begin to do? Acts 2:4b
    - (1) Use Acts 1:8 to comment on the importance of this event.
2. *Pentecost* was an important feast when all Jews were required to be in Jerusalem. It took place fifty days after Passover and celebrated the first fruits of the harvest. Why do you think it is significant that the Holy Spirit came upon them on this day?
  - a. Who was *dwelling in Jerusalem* for the observance of *Pentecost*? Acts 2:5
  - b. From Acts 2:6-11 summarize the response of the *multitude* when they heard *this sound*.
    - (1) What specifically were the disciples *speaking* of? Acts 2:11b
      - (a) What does this indicate concerning the work of the Holy Spirit? See John 16:14.
3. Remark on the mixed reviews by the *multitude* to these events. Acts 2:12-13
  - a. What reaction do you think you would have had?
4. What do you find most exciting about your study today?

**THIRD DAY:** Read Acts 2:14–24

1. Since these remarkable events took place at *the third hour of the day* (9:00 a.m.), when Peter stood up to preach (Acts 2:14), what did he clarify to the people? Acts 2:15
  - a. What did he use to validate what was happening? Acts 2:16
    - (1) Record some of the key promises of Joel’s prophecy. Acts 2:17–21, (Joel 2:28–32)
      - (a) What impresses you the most about this prophecy?
2. What did Peter declare about Jesus in Acts 2:22?
3. According to Acts 2:23a, by what means was Jesus *delivered*?
  - a. Link this with Luke 24:44–46. What does this convey to you concerning the life and death of Jesus?
4. How was Jesus *taken*? Acts 2:23b
  - a. In spite of their actions, what did God do? Acts 2:24a
    - (1) What did Peter declare was *not possible*? Acts 2:24b
      - (a) How does this speak to you about the power of Jesus?

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Acts 2:25–39

1. As Peter continued to preach, confirming the fact that Jesus could not be held by death, he referenced a prophecy of David. What does this prophecy state? Acts 2:25–28
  
2. Read Acts 2:29–31 (NLT): *Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and his tomb is still here among us. But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne. David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave Him among the dead or allow His body to rot in the grave.* What did Peter want this crowd to know about Jesus?
  
3. What did Peter declare concerning the resurrection of Jesus in Acts 2:32?
  - a. Why would this have been an important point to make? See also 2 Peter 1:16.
  
4. How did Peter connect the resurrection of Jesus with all that the crowd had witnessed? Acts 2:33
  
5. In Acts 2:34–35 Peter cited another prophecy to emphasize that these things did not refer to David, but to Jesus as Messiah. Link this with Jesus' own words in Matthew 22:41–45 and share your thoughts.
  
6. Note Peter's summation from Acts 2:36 and share why this was valid.
  
7. What was the response of the crowd to Peter's message? Acts 2:37
  - a. Why do you think they had this reaction? See also John 16:8.
  - b. What is your reaction to these things?
  
8. What did Peter tell them they needed to do to receive *the gift of the Holy Spirit*? Acts 2:38
  - a. Who was this promise for? Acts 2:39
  
9. Share a blessing you received from Peter's sermon.

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Acts 2:40–47

1. According to Acts 2:40, what followed Peter's sermon?
  - a. Describe the response to Peter's *word* from Acts 2:41.
  
2. From Acts 2:42 list and comment briefly on the four activities in which the believers *continued steadfastly*:
  - a.
  
  - b.
  
  - c.
  
  - d.
    - (1) Why do you think these practices are important to the body of Christ today?
  
3. How were the believers affected as they continued in these activities? Acts 2:43–45
  - a. What do you find remarkable about this?
  
4. From Acts 2:46–47a cite how the believers practiced the disciplines they began in Acts 2:42.
  
5. What do you find noteworthy about the demeanor of these early believers?
  - a. How do you see this as an outworking of the Holy Spirit?
  
6. As these believers lived out the Gospel, what did *the Lord* do? Acts 2:47b
  - a. How are these believers an example to you?

**SIXTH DAY: Review**

1. Identify how the following events in Acts 2 reflect the work of the Holy Spirit:

a. The events on the Day of Pentecost (verses 1-13)

b. Peter's message (verses 14-39)

c. The growth and activity of the church (verses 40-47)

2. How do the events in Acts 2 speak to you concerning your need for the Holy Spirit?

*They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Acts 2:42