

God and Man Through the Bible – Session 23

The Beginning of the Church/Day of Pentecost

Introduction

After Jesus ascended into heaven the disciples returned to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. On the Day of Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. When they were all together meeting in one place, the Spirit came in an unmistakable display of the Lord's power. Peter immediately began preaching to the crowds, thousands believed, and the believers began to meet as a church.

Part 1 The Coming of the Holy Spirit ([Acts 2:1-13](#))

Read Acts 2:1–13.

1. Describe what happened on the “Day of Pentecost?” (verses 2-4)
2. There were many foreigners in Jerusalem at that time. What did they find was unusual? What did they think was happening? (verse 6)
3. Why do you think the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the ability to speak in different languages?
4. Did everyone think that something amazing had happened? (verse 13)

Part 2 Peter Preaches to the Crowd ([Acts 2:14-41](#))

Read Acts 2:14-21

5. How did Peter answer those who thought they were drunk?
6. Does Peter believe that they were fulfilling a prophecy? Which prophet did he think had predicted this?
7. What do verses 17 and 18 prophecy would happen? Verse 19 talks about wonders and signs. What do you think that means? Why would God send signs and wonders?
8. What does this passage say we must do to be saved? (verse 22)

Read Acts 2:22-24

9. What key facts about Jesus does Peter remind the crowd about in these verses?

Read Acts 2:32-33

10. What does Peter say about Jesus in this section? Why do you think this is important?

Read Acts 2:37-38

11. What question do the listeners ask Peter? What does Peter say they should do? Do you think this is important today?

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Part 3 The Believers Form a Church community ([Acts 2:42-47](#))

Read Acts 2:41 -47

12. How many people became followers of Jesus that day? Who were baptized?
13. What four things did they focus on doing in verse 42? Have you been to a church in Canada or China or your home country? Do they focus on doing these for things? Why do you think these things are important?
14. Where were they meeting? (verse 46) Where do you think followers of Jesus can meet today?
15. Did others become followers of Jesus? How often? What attitude did the followers of Jesus have in their hearts?

For Discussion:

What do you think the church should be doing now? Is it still important for followers of Jesus to take the gospel to other countries and cultures? How do you think the church is the same or different today?

For Further Reading:

[What is Pentecost and Why is it so Important?](#)