

“SUPERNATURAL CHURCHBIRTH”

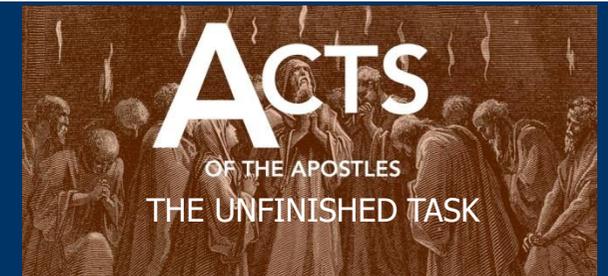
(Acts 2:1 – 13)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 4

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INTRODUCTION:



SCIENCE is a systematic enterprise that builds and organizes knowledge in the form of explanations and predictions about nature and the universe.

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Our first reaction to supernatural is, "No way! There is got to be an explanation."

I. SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A) *The Promises of Jesus*

John 14:16 *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

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



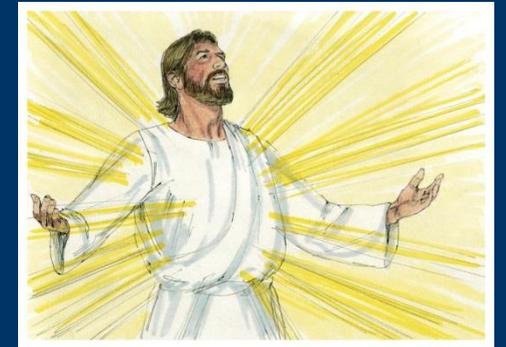
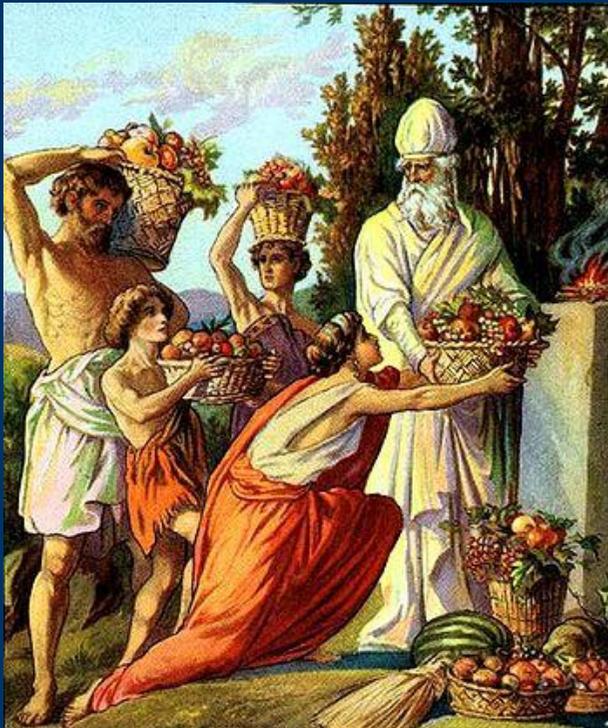
Acts 1:8a *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...*

I. SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION

B) The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1a "When the day of Pentecost had come..."

"pentekostos" It was the day when "the firstfruits of wheat harvest" (Ex. 34:22a) were presented to God.



1 Cor. 15:12 *But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

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C) *The Unity of Believers*

Acts 2:1b "...were all together in one place."

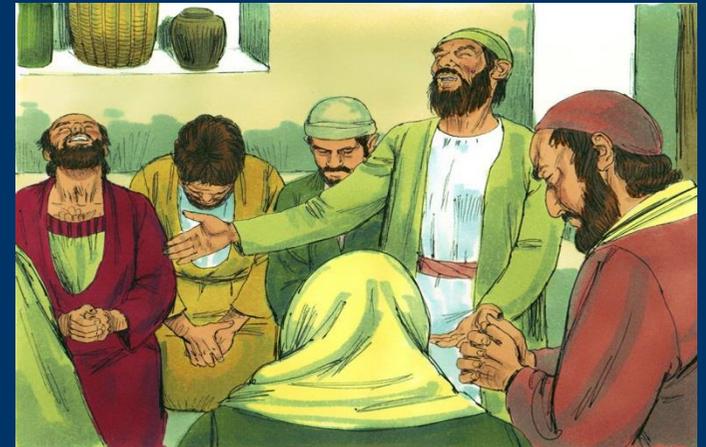


John 17:20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

II. EVIDENCES OF THE SPIRIT'S COMING

A) Audible Evidence

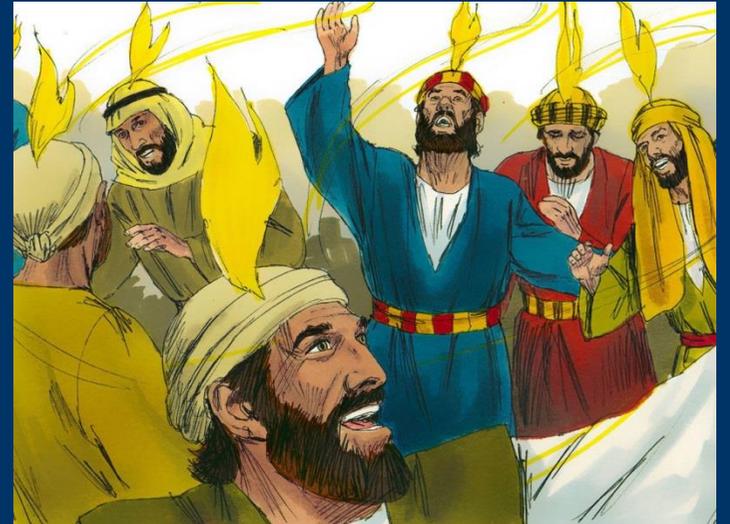
Acts 2:2 *Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*



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B) Visible Evidence

Acts 2:3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.



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C) Oral Evidence

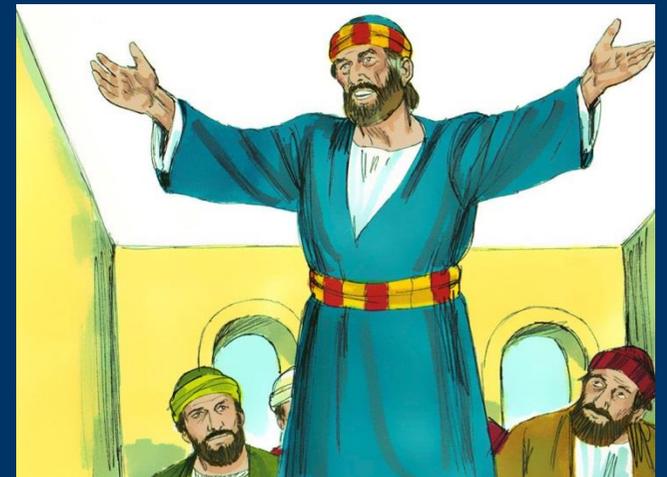
Acts 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



III. REACTIONS TO THE SPIRIT'S COMING

A) Confusion

Acts 2:5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.



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B) Amazement

Acts 2:7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

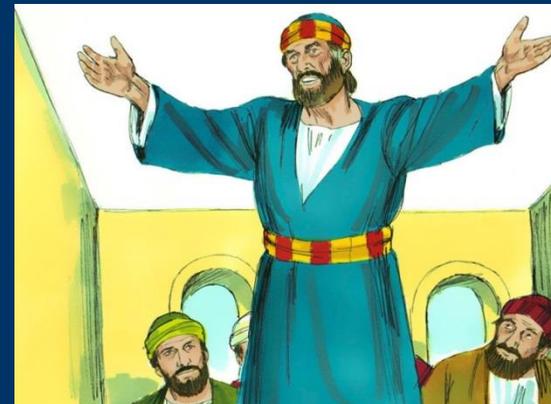


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C) Curiosity

Acts 2:8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”



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D) Denial

Acts 2:13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."



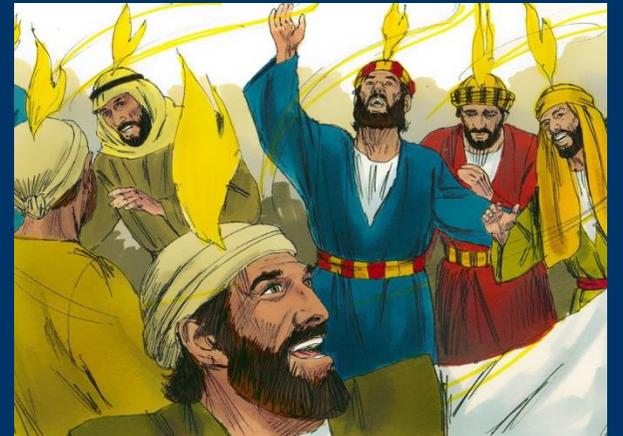
CONCLUSION:



When God touches a soul, a supernatural event takes place; a miracle happens. As a result, we can count on two principles being true.

1. *When God does a work, no one can duplicate or ignore the results.*

2. *When the Spirit gives power, no one can deny or explain the change.*





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why are people so skeptical about miracles, signs and wonders today?*
- 2. How does the Day of Pentecost and the promise that Jesus made with the disciples linked together?*
- 3. What are some evidences of the coming of the Holy Spirit?*
- 4. What are some reactions to the coming of the Holy Spirit?*



*Scripture References:
Acts 2:1-13*