



**THE POWER OF PENTECOST**  
**(Acts 2.1-18)**

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**Spirit-baptism**

According to Acts 2.1-18 Spirit-baptism is an experience that leads to expansion and requires an explanation.

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**Acts 2.1-18**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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.

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**Acts 2.1-18**

<sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

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**Acts 2.1-18**

<sup>13</sup>Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." <sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup>These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

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**Acts 2.1-18**

<sup>16</sup>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,  
 your young men will see visions,  
 your old men will dream dreams.  
<sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women,  
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
 and they will prophesy.'"

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**Acts 1.8, 2.33**

Acts 1:8 (NIV): But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2:33 (NIV): Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

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