



SERMON NOTES

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Acts 2:1-13 (NKJV)

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

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What is Pentecost? It's not the name of a religious denomination. That would be "Pentecostals."

Pentecost means "fiftieth" it refers to the Feast of Weeks, which was held fifty days after Passover. The Jews celebrated several feasts annually. Passover, Firstfruits and Pentecost. Passover pictures Christ's death (John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7), and the Feast of Firstfruits pictures His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:20-23). Fifty days after Firstfruits is the Feast of Pentecost, which pictures the formation of the New Testament church.

Acts 2:2

² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

There are two important symbols used for the Holy Spirit wind and fire.

The First Symbol: Wind

In ancient languages such as Hebrew, Greek and Latin the word for "*spirit*" was also used for "*wind*" or "*breath*."

At creation—*Genesis 1:2* "...And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

The Holy Spirit of God is portrayed as God's breath at creation. The creative wind (*Spirit*) of God moving across the lifeless waters at the beginning of creation.

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One chapter later in Genesis we have the story of the creation of man from the dust of the ground. There we read, *Genesis 2:7* “*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*”

John 3: 8 “*The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.*”

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NIV)

⁴⁵ So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

When we put this all together we begin to see why the image of wind in Acts 2 for the Holy Spirit is so important.

Big idea: Pentecost is a life breathing experience

John 14:16-17 (AMP)

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—¹⁷ The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.