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**The Spirit Comes  
at Pentecost**

**Acts 2:1-13**

OF THE

Holy Spirit

# **HLCE Theme 2026**

## **Church on the Move Acts 1:8**

### ***The Spirit Empowered Mission and Service***

*The call to live the kingdom life with the risen Christ by His Spirit in our daily life bearing good witnesses to Him for the expansion of His kingdom until His return.*

**A Joyful Abundant Fruitful Life of the Spirit**



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## **Church on the Move**

### **Empowerment of the Spirit from Acts**

*In calling, guiding, uniting,  
equipping, purifying,  
and expanding the  
church of Jesus Christ.*

# The Book of Acts

# The Spirit Comes at Pentecost Acts 2:1-13

## From Promise to Fulfilment

### **From Waiting to Witnessing**

*See how God works!*

*3000 added!*

## The Power and Purpose

*The church moves by  
God's timing, in God's power,  
toward God's mission*



## **Acts 2:1–13**

### **The Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

*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.*



***<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?' <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'***



# Acts 2:1–13

## *The Spirit Comes at Pentecost*

- **God's Timing**

*Waiting Together in One Accord*

- **God's Power**

**Signs of Spirit's Empowerment**

*Sound, Sight, Speech from Heaven*

- **God's Mission**

**Spectacular Proclamation**

*Amazement and Perplexity*



# 1. God's Timing

*“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.”*

## Waiting Together

*“in one accord” for ten days*

*Unified in love and purpose,  
waiting patiently, obediently,  
with humble trusting hearts*



# Day of Pentecost

## Day of Harvest Celebration

**One of the three major feasts**

**Exodus 23:15-16**

- **Passover** – *Deliverance from Egypt*  
Barley harvest. March-Apr
- **Pentecost** – *Joy and blessing of harvest*  
Wheat harvest. May-June
- **Tabernacles** – *Egypt to Canaan,*  
and its productivity. Sept-Oct



## **2. God's Power**

### **Signs of Spirit's Empowerment**

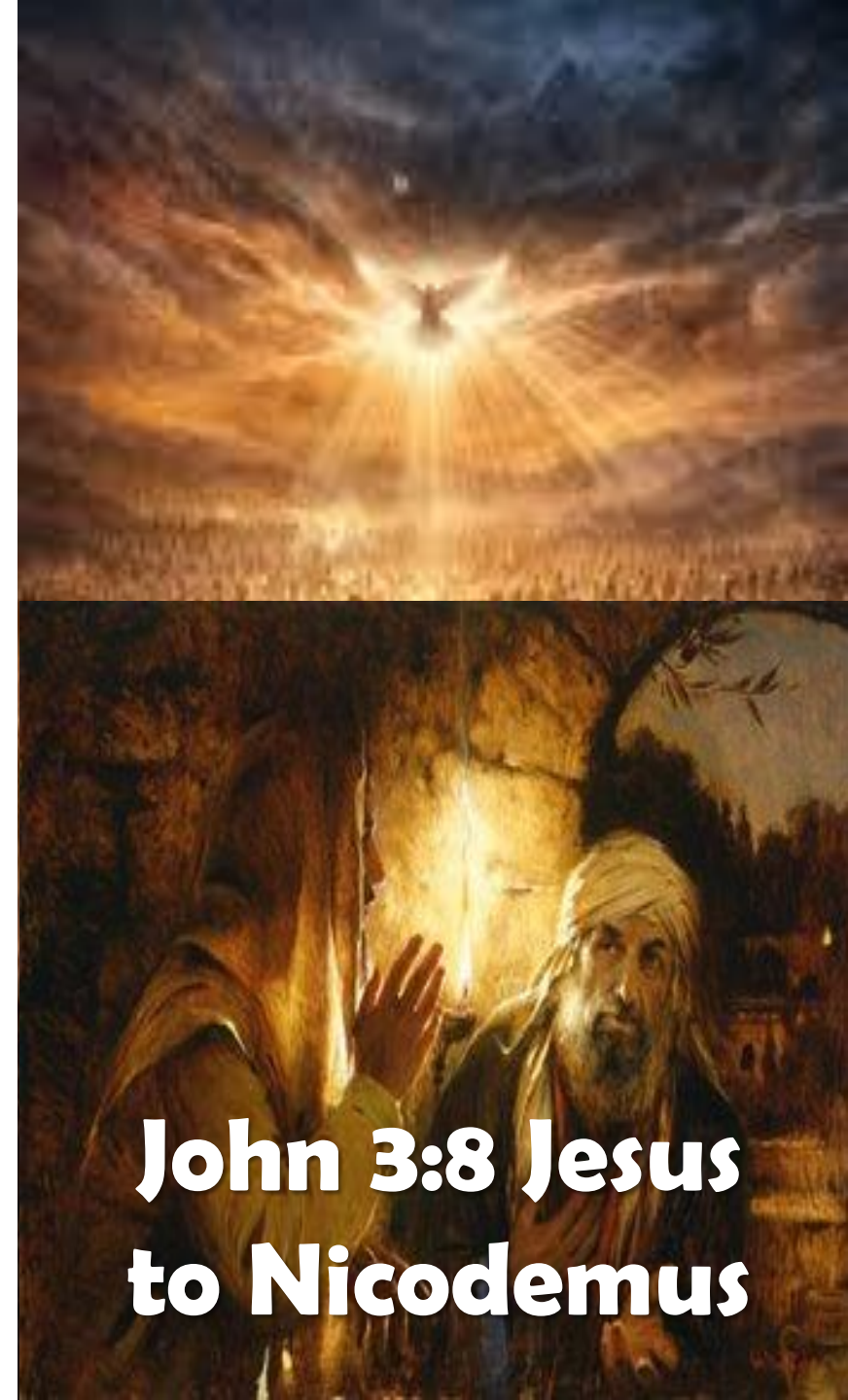
*Sound, Sight, Speech from Heaven*

### **A Sound from Heaven**

*<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.*

### **Wind is symbolic of the Holy Spirit**

*Holy Spirit is free, uncontrollable,  
powerful and sovereign,  
not bound by timing or technique*

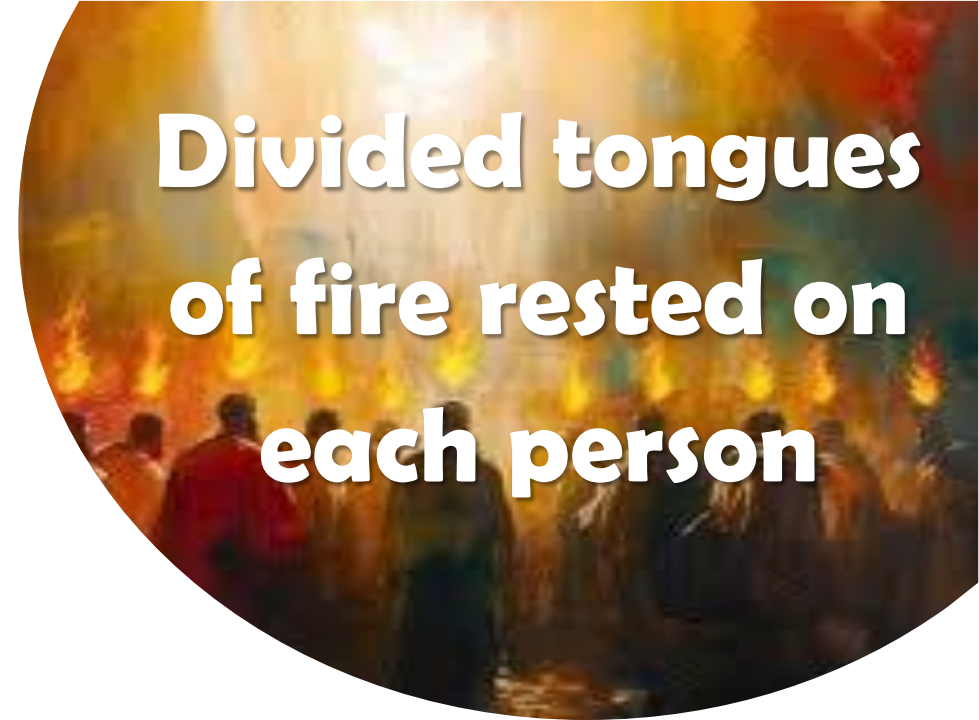


**John 3:8 Jesus  
to Nicodemus**

# **A Sight from Heaven**

***<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.***

**Fire a Sign of God's  
Presence and Power**



## **Spirit Enabled Speech** **from all the believers**

***<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.***

## **The Spirit given to ALL Believers**

### **People were amazed to hear the** **speech in their own languages**

***<sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.***



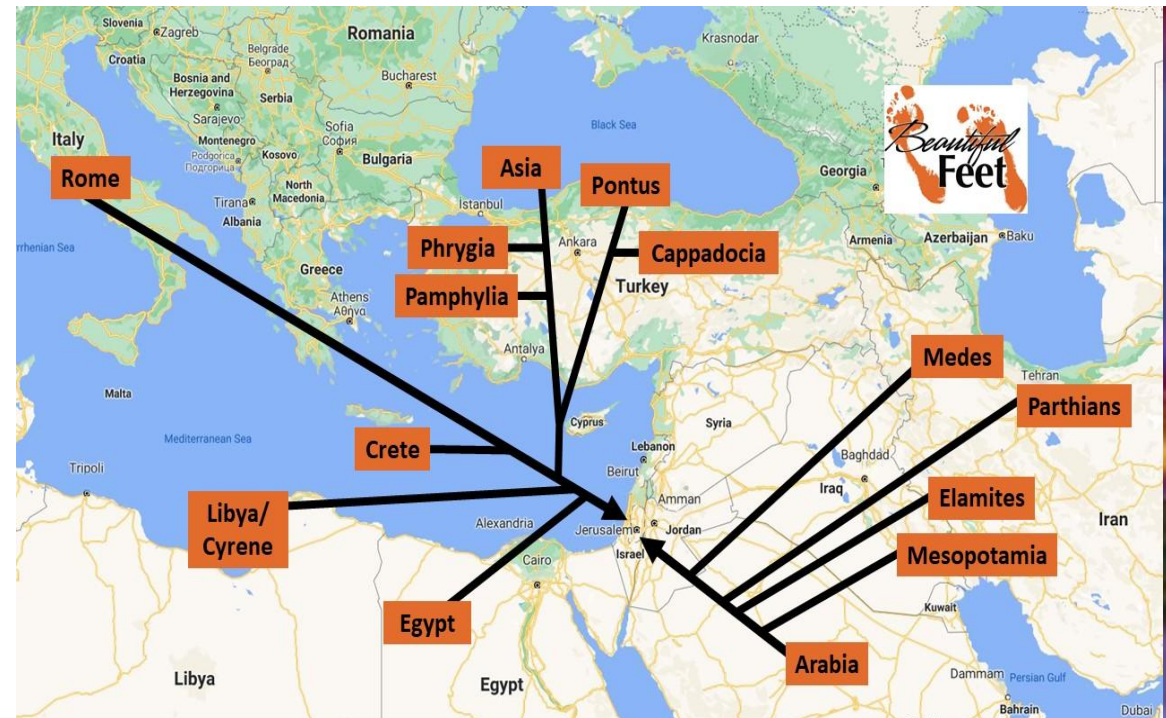
# 3. God's Mission Spectacular Proclamation

*They heard them declaring the  
'wonders of God' in their own tongues!*

**God's mission has begun  
in Jerusalem to All nations!**

**God Reverses Babel**

**The Spirit Unite  
instead of Divide**  
*Jews from 15 nations*



## **Amazement and Perplexity**

***<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'***

***<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'***

**Spiritual Hunger  
vs. Sceptical Mockery**

*Work of the kingdom  
expansion has begun!*

**3000 were added!**





# **Pentecost: From Waiting to Witnessing** ***When God Moves, the Church Moves***

- **God's Timing**

*God gives the Spirit as we wait upon Him*

- **God's Power**

*The Spirit empowers proclamation of the gospel*

- **God's Mission**

*The church expands in the  
midst of amazement and confusion*

# Our 'Pentecost'

*How does Pentecost apply to us today?*

*Q. Are we expected to experience the same manifestation of the Spirit in Acts 2 to receive the power of the Spirit?*

**A. NO.**

***Pentecost is one of seven major, unique, non-repeatable historical events in the life & ministry of Jesus***

Christ's birth, baptism, death,  
resurrection, ascension,  
Pentecost and Christ's return



**A great spiritual implication  
for our kingdom life!**

*Jesus' promise of the coming  
of the Spirit in Luke 24:48  
and Acts 1:8 have been fulfilled*

**Live the Resurrected**

**Kingdom Life of the Spirit**

*Be Baptised and  
Be Filled with the Spirit!*



**Galatians 2:20**

# Baptism of the Holy Spirit

**In Acts, we see baptism  
of the Spirit in two stages**

**Acts 10:46** Peter and conversion  
of Gentiles in Cornelius' household.

**Acts 19:6** Disciples who received  
only John's baptism in Ephesus

***Today we received the  
baptism of the Spirit  
when we are born again***





## **Filling of the Spirit for power of service and witness in Acts**

- **Acts 4:8 Peter healing of the cripple & Sanhedrin**
- **Acts 4:31 The believers prayed and spoke boldly**
- **Acts 13:9 Paul blinded Elymas the sorcerer**

# **We are exhorted to be filled with the Spirit in our walk with God**

## **Ephesian 5:18**

*Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,*

### ***A Continuous Command***

*Keep on being filled, daily, habitual, and ongoing state.*

### ***Passive yet Active***

*We do not fill ourselves, but it requires our desire for the Spirit to fill us.*



***Be Led, Controlled***

*Be Filled With the Spirit*

## **Application:**

*The church moves by God's timing,  
in God's power, toward God's mission*

### **1. God Works Through Unified Praying People**

*Revival begins in prayerful unity.*

### **2. The Spirit Empowers Ordinary Believers**

*God fills ordinary people  
with extraordinary power.*



### **3. The Gospel Is for All**

*Pentecost reminds us that Christianity is not bound to one culture or language.*

### **4. Expect Mixed Responses**

*Faithfulness does not guarantee universal approval. Some will believe. Some will mock.*



## Waiting Together

*Are you desiring, waiting humbly, praying together with patience and trust for the Spirit's empowerment?*

**Pray, Surrender our hearts  
and be filled with the Spirit!**

*Submit to God, walk in holiness with thankful heart, inviting the Spirit to guide our thoughts, actions, and desires by His word.*



# **The Spirit empowers gospel proclamation in the midst of amazement and puzzle**

***Are we living the Spirit-filled life of good witnesses drawing people to God?***

*Does the way we live, our hospitality and community, and our willingness to put our security in God rather than ourselves cause even the most cynical to wonder whether or not there really is transformation in us by the Spirit?*



# **HLCE Theme 2026 - Church on the Move**

*The Spirit Empowered Mission and Service*



***Come be Baptised and  
Be Filled with the Holy Spirit***

## Q. Is the tongue-speaking at Pentecost the same as in Corinth?

### **A. Yes and No.**

- **Yes.** *Both involved speaking a supernatural gift of new language by the Spirit*
- **No** *in its expression, function, and purpose*
- **In Acts**  
*For public function and evangelism*
- **In Corinthian**  
*For private corporate worship*

