

ACTS 2

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

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Summary: On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit on the believers, giving the sign of speaking with other tongues (1-4). The crowd responds with amazement, hearing believers speak in unlearned, international languages (5-13). Peter explains (1) that this outpouring was prophesied by Joel (14-21), (2) that Jesus was raised from the dead, as prophesied by David (22-32), (3) that the ascended Jesus has poured out the Spirit (33-36), and (4) that receiving the Spirit is available to all (37-39). About 3,000 believers are added to the new church that day (40-47).

Lesson: *Jesus' gift of the Spirit, with tongues, is available to all today.*