

Acts 2:1-21

- 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
- 5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.
- 6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.
- 7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
- 8 "And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?"
- 9 "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."
- 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."
- 14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.
- 15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;
- 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:
- 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says,
'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND;
AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY,
AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS,
AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;
- 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,
I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT
And they shall prophesy.
- 19 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE
AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,
BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.
- 20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS
AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,
BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.
- 21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE
SAVED.'

Acts 10

- 1 Now *there was* a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort,
 - 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people and prayed to God continually.
 - 3 About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had *just* come in and said to him, "Cornelius!"
 - 4 And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.
 - 5 "Now dispatch *some* men to Joppa and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter;
 - 6 he is staying with a tanner *named* Simon, whose house is by the sea."
 - 7 When the angel who was speaking to him had left, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were his personal attendants,
 - 8 and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.
 - 9 On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.
 - 10 But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance;
 - 11 and he **saw* the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,
 - 12 and there were in it all *kinds of* four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.
 - 13 A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!"
 - 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean."
 - 15 Again a voice *came* to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider unholy."
 - 16 This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.
 - 17 Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate;
 - 18 and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there.
 - 19 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you.
 - 20 "But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself."
 - 21 Peter went down to the men and said, "Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"
 - 22 They said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was *divinely* directed by a holy angel to send for you *to come* to his house and hear ^da message from you."
 - 23 So he invited them in and gave them lodging.
- And on the next day he got up and went away with them, and some of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him.
- 24 On the following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends.
 - 25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and worshiped *him*.
 - 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am *just* a man."

27 As he talked with him, he entered and *found many people assembled.
 28 And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and *yet* God has shown me that I should not call any man unholy or unclean.
 29 “That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. So I ask for what reason you have sent for me.”
 30 Cornelius said, “Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ninth hour; and behold, a man stood before me in shining garments,
 31 and he *said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.
 32 ‘Therefore send to Joppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is staying at the house of Simon *the* tanner by the sea.’
 33 “So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”
 34 Opening his mouth, Peter said:
 “I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality,
 35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.
 36 “The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all)—
 37 you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed.
 38 “*You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
 39 “We are witnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They also put Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.
 40 “God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible,
 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.
 42 “And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.
 43 “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”
 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.
 45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.
 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,
 47 “Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?”
 48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

Romans 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.