

ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, October 2, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 4 | God Sends the Spirit

Acts 2:1-13

God sends **THE HOLY SPIRIT** v. 1-3

God's presence Isaiah 32:14-18; Romans 5:5; John 15:26

one baptism, many fillings Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:5; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:22-23

to **EMPOWER** us with good news v. 4-11

true life Psalm 104:30; John 3:5-8; John 6:63; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Titus 3:5

Congrats! You're gifted! 1 Corinthians 12:4-26

which some **RECEIVE** and others **REJECT**. v. 12-13

receive Acts 2:12

reject Acts 2:13



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3 MAJOR FEASTS

Acts 2 takes place during the feast of Pentecost. God ordained 7 feasts/festivals for Israel in **Leviticus 23**. Pentecost is one of three major feasts that required "native born" Israelite males to pilgrimage to Jerusalem and worship at the Temple each year. Below is an overview of those three major feasts. . .

Passover (Unleavened Bread)

Celebrated in the spring (modern day March/April), Passover remembered the Exodus and God's rescue of his people from Egypt. It pointed ahead to Jesus's atoning work on the cross rescuing us as God's wrath for sin "passes over" us and lands on Jesus.

Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

Pentecost (which means "fiftieth") was celebrated 50 days after Passover. It was celebrated "the day after the seventh Sabbath" after Passover. Since the date was determined by the passing of a "week" of weeks (7 weeks), it was often called the Feast of Weeks. It was celebrated at the wheat harvest and included a first fruits offering to God, remembering that God is the provider of all things. It was about 50 days after the first Passover that God provided the Law at Mount Sinai so Israel would know how to live in the Promised Land. **Acts 2** reminds us God is the provider of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to *actually* live the Christian life, empowering us to carry out Jesus's mission.

Feast of Tabernacles (Booths)

About 4 months after Pentecost, the Feast of Tabernacles (or Booths/Tents) was celebrated in late September/early October. The Israelites would make temporary "booths" (like a tent) to dwell in during this week-long feast to remind them of God's covenant promise to dwell among his people and that our time here is temporary. It remembered the ancient Israelites' journey to the Promised Land, and their temporary dwelling places along the way. Many scholars believe that Jesus was born during this time (not December 25 as made popular by the Catholic Church in the 4th Century). John 1:14 says "the Word became flesh and dwelt (lit. 'tabernacled') among us. . ." Jesus came to live among us temporarily at his first coming, and will forever at his second coming!



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Getting Started

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Share with the Group:

There can be a lot of confusion about spiritual gifts in churches today, especially with the gifts like tongues and healing. Has your understanding of spiritual gifts changed over time? If so, explain how.

What has been the biggest influence on your understanding of spiritual gifts?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. God has given all his followers unique gifts and abilities that He wants us to use in order to serve him and others. What are one or two gifts or abilities you think you have?
2. Read the following passages about spiritual gifts. Jot down any guidelines and insights you see in regard to using your gifts and abilities to benefit the church.

⁴Each of us has one body with many parts. And the parts do not all have the same purpose. ⁵So also we are many persons. But in Christ we are one body. And each part of the body belongs to all the other parts. ⁶We all have gifts. They differ in keeping with the grace that God has given each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it in keeping with the faith you have. ⁷Is it your gift to serve? Then serve. Is it teaching? Then teach. ⁸Is it telling others how they should live? Then tell them. Is it giving to those who are in need? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully. **ROMANS 12:4-8 (NIRV)**

⁷The end of all things is near. So keep a clear mind. Control yourselves. Then you can pray. ⁸Most of all, love one another deeply. Love erases many sins by forgiving them. ⁹Welcome others into your homes without complaining. ¹⁰God's gifts of grace come in many forms. Each of you has received a gift in order to serve others. You should use it faithfully. ¹¹If you speak, you should do it like one speaking God's very words. If you serve, you should do it with the strength God provides. Then in all things God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Give him the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 PETER 4:7-11 (NIRV)**

¹Then the Lord spoke to Moses. ²He said, "I have chosen Bezalel, the son of Uri. Uri is the son of Hur. Bezalel is from the tribe of Judah. ³I have filled him with the Spirit of God. I have filled him with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts. ⁴He can make beautiful patterns in gold, silver and bronze. ⁵He can cut and set stones. He can work with wood. In fact, he can work in all kinds of crafts. ⁶"I have also appointed Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, to help him. Oholiab is from the tribe of Dan.

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Want to Go Deeper?

Do you want to get more out of Acts than simply hearing it during the weekend services? Acts has 28 chapters. Try reading or listening to a chapter a day for 28 days and see how it will grow your understanding as we study it together! Visit <https://bible.is> to access a free text and audio version of the Bible, or scan the QR code. You can also download the **Bible.is** App.

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 2:1-4 (NIRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ The day of **Pentecost** came. The **believers** all **gathered** in one **place**. ² **Suddenly** a **sound** came from **heaven**. It was **like** a **strong** wind **blowing**. It **filled** the whole **house** where they were **sitting**. ³ They saw **something** that **looked** like **tongues** of fire. The **flames** **separated** and **settled** on **each** of them. ⁴ All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit**. They **began** to **speak** in **languages** they had not **known** before. The **Spirit** **gave** them the **ability** to do this.

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"I have given ability to all of the skilled workers. They can make everything I have commanded you to make. Here is the complete list. **EXODUS 31:1-6** (NIRV)

- The use of our God-given gifts and abilities are not limited to the church. Can you think of any ways you could use them in places other than our church (like your workplace, school, or home) to serve others?
 - What stands out to you the most from these three passages?
3. The gifts and abilities God has given us come with the expectation that we will use them to play a role in God's kingdom. Paul uses the analogy of the human body in **1 Corinthians 12:4-26** to describe what it looks like when we all play our part. **As you read this passage**, what are some of the things that catch your attention in regard to the various roles we play?
- When it comes to spiritual gifts, it's easy to fall into gift projection or gift envy. *Gift projection* is where we project a gift or ability we have on others and expect them to be able to do what we do. *Gift envy* is where we desire a certain gift or ability so much that we attempt to get it, or we idolize those who have it. Have you ever struggled with either of these?
 - Have you ever felt like some gifts are more important than others? If so, which ones?
 - All Christians have been given gifts and abilities to serve on God's team, yet not all Christians are playing their part. What hindrances can you think of that keep people from using their gifts and abilities to play their part?

Taking It Home

1. In addition to the one or two gifts/abilities you jotted down in Digging Deeper #1, are there any other gifts and strengths you believe God has given you? (Possible areas you might want to consider: your passions and interests, abilities, personality and experiences.)
 - How are you currently investing your gifts/abilities in building God's kingdom
 - Is there anything specific you sense God calling you to start doing now as a result of this weekend's teaching and study?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women** and pray for one another.

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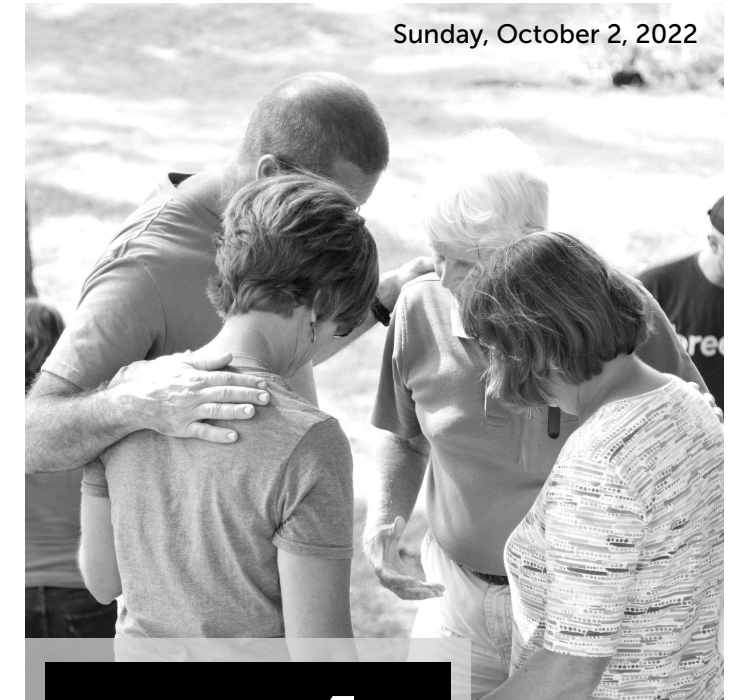
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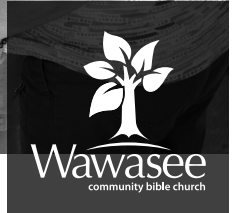
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