
SERMON OUTLINE

Power from on High

Acts 2:1-13

Summary: The Holy Spirit came as Jesus promised (John 14-16; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5, 8), with miraculous confirmations marking the beginning of the church (2:1-13).

- I. The Holy Spirit came dramatically upon all the believers with miraculous confirmation by sound and sight (Acts 2:1-3).
 - A. Audible confirmation – Sound of rushing wind
 - B. Visual confirmation – Tongues of fire
 - All believers today are baptized by the Holy Spirit when they put their faith in Christ – joining them to Christ and other believers permanently (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-27 – though there are no audible or visual confirmations of “*Spirit baptism*” today)

- II. The Holy Spirit filled all the believers and gave the apostles the miraculous confirmation of the gift of tongues (Acts 2:4-13).
 - A. The experience of the gift of tongues (2:5-11a): God enabled the apostles to speak in actual languages unknown to them but understood by the listeners (also Acts 10:46 & 19:6).
 - B. The purpose of the gift of tongues (2:11b-13): This gift was given not to communicate the gospel, but to praise God in various native languages, causing amazement and interest.
 - Believers today are urged to be filled with the Spirit – which enables us to live godly as we yield obediently to Him (Acts 4:31; 13:52; Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16, 22-23 – though tongues do not accompany “filling” today)

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