

Acts 1:1-5 New Living Translation

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In my first book[a] I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. **3** During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. **5** John baptized with[b] water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:1-13 New Living Translation

The Holy Spirit Comes

1 On the day of Pentecost[a] all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. **3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages,[b] as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. **5** At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. **7** They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, **8** and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! **9** Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, **10** Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” **12** They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other. **13** But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

Footnotes:

- **2:1** The Festival of Pentecost came 50 days after Passover (when Jesus was crucified).
- **2:4** Or *in other tongues*.

Questions:

1. How did the disciples(apostles) know that Jesus was actually alive?
2. What was the gift Jesus was talking about?
3. What happened to the believers on the day of Pentecost?
4. How did people from every nation gathered in Jerusalem hear about the wonderful things of God?
5. As a follower of Jesus do you have the Holy Spirit?

How does the Holy Spirit work through you?