

# Lesson 1



# Becoming & Being the Church



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# Opening Music: Spirit of the Living God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccaFnRYLTok>



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# Acts 1:8a

**But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit comes  
on you and you will be my  
witnesses.**

## **Acts 2:38**

**Peter replied,  
“Repent and be  
baptized, every one  
of you, in the name  
of Jesus Christ for  
the forgiveness of  
your sins. And you  
will receive the gift  
of the Holy Spirit.**

**NIV**





Happy Birthday, Church!

Acts 1 & 2

Preview



Living Spirit-filled,  
Spirit-powered,  
Spirit-guided lives!

# **Spirit-filled**

**Perfect timing!**



**Pentecost was one of the 3 major Jewish feasts.**

**Jerusalem went from 50,000 people to 1 million.**

**Hustle and bustle of citizens getting foreign news, finding wives for their sons, buying and selling of products, and learning about foreign lands.**





# **Spirit-filled**

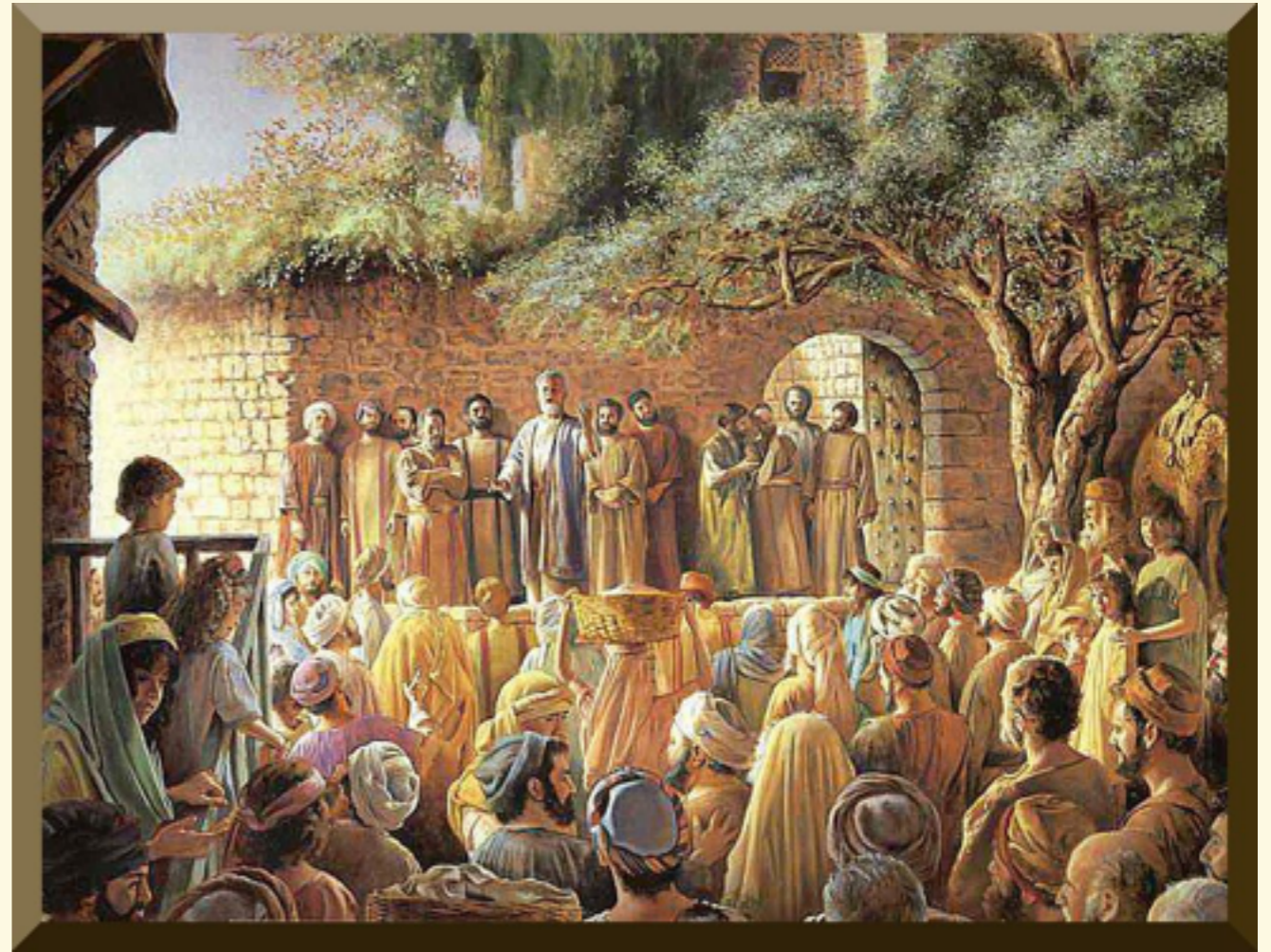
**Wind, Fire, & Speech**

**Just then the sound of the rush of a violent wind was heard.  
Wind is uncontrollable, powerful, and mysterious.**

**Then the tongues of fire came and rested on all of them.  
Fire is cleansing, consuming, and awe-filled.**

**Then the disciples were able to speak in other languages.  
There was no doubt in their minds that they were Spirit-filled.**

# **Spirit- powered Empowerment**



**The apostles were ordinary men.**

**They probably spoke Aramaic and maybe Greek.**

**Peter spoke boldly despite cowering while denying Jesus only 50 days prior.**

**They were empowered by the Spirit beyond their abilities.**





# **Spirit-guided**

## **Follow**

**The Apostles were guided by the Spirit to fulfill God's mission of proclaiming salvation through Jesus.**

**With all that transpired, how could Peter so boldly rise to speak? How could it have been the first thing on Peter's mind to preach? He was guided by the Holy Spirit to speak and he followed.**



Can we be Spirit-filled?  
Can we be Spirit-powered?  
Can we be Spirit-guided?



# **Spirit-filled**

**Be Aware,  
Acknowledge and  
Accept**



**Be aware that we are sinful creatures.**

**Acknowledge our sinfulness and need for salvation.**

**Accept that it is through Jesus Christ that salvation is available. Because Jesus died to pay the price for our sins, we may live and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Hope is in Jesus!**





# Spirit- powered

Relinquish our wills

**There are many people who want power and control over their lives. In fact, some want control over the lives of their spouses, children, bosses, co-workers, or friends. This is self-serving power.**

**To be filled with Spiritual powers means we relinquish our wills to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Paul quotes Jesus in saying, “my power is perfected in your weakness.” 1 Corinthians 12:9**

# Spirit-guided

Communicate,  
Prepare, & Trust



**Be open to new possibilities & opportunities.**

**We need to communicate with God. Pray without ceasing (2 Thessalonians 5:17). The Spirit prays with sighs too deep for words (Romans 8:26). We need to listen for answers.**

# Spirit-guided

Communicate,  
Prepare, & Trust



**We need to prepare by reading and studying Scripture. The Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Scripture for us. God's written word doesn't change, but we do. Each time we read, we glean something new from Scripture.**

**We need to trust in the Holy Spirit.**





**Can we be Spirit-filled?**

**Can we be Spirit-powered?**

**Can we be Spirit-guided?**

# Close in Prayer