



**GREATER GRACE
CHURCH**

ACTS 2:1-28

- Pentecost (the feast of weeks) is a Jewish festival day —the 50th day after the Passover. (The name Pentecost means fifty.)
- The events of this chapter begin as the 12 apostles (Acts 1:26) were gathered in Jerusalem waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had instructed in Acts 1.

ACTS 2:1-13 THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-4: The Promise of the Holy Spirit Fulfilled

- What filled the apostles, and what were they able to do?

They were filled with the _____ and began to

_____.

Acts 2:5-13: The Gift of Speaking in Tongues

Jewish males were required to attend the feast of Pentecost, so Jews were present in Jerusalem from all over the world. The nations from which these men came are listed in verses 9-11. As people heard about what had happened to the apostles, a great crowd gathered to listen to them.

- What did the hearers recognize when the apostles spoke? Each one heard them speak in his own _____.

Note that the "tongues" the apostles spoke (verses 4,11) are clearly identified as being "languages" (verses 6,8).

- From where had all the speakers come? (a) Jerusalem, (b) America, (c) Judea, (d) Galilee, Answer: _____.

- What subject did the apostles speak about?

Answer: They spoke about the _____ of God.

Note what we learn here about the miracle of tongues: The miracle of Bible tongues consisted of men being miraculously enabled to speak existing languages they had never studied. This miracle accomplished two purposes: (1) It enabled the apostles to teach people who did not

speak their language, and (2) the miracle would show people the apostles were from God (Mark 16:17,20).

ACTS 2:14-36 PETER'S SERMON

Acts 2:14-21: A Prophecy of the Coming of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit had come to enable the apostles to preach about Jesus (Acts 1:8). Using the opportunity, Peter began by showing that the apostles were not drunk (as some thought), because it was too early.

- What Old Testament passage was fulfilled here? (a) Joel 2, (b) Genesis 2, (c) Judges 2, (d) Jonah 2.

Answer: _____

- What did the prophecy say would come on the people?

Answer: God's _____ would be poured out on the people.

- What could people do as a result? (a) prophesy, (b) see visions, (c) dream dreams, (d) all the preceding.

Answer: _____

- When would this happen?

Answer: It would happen in the _____

"The last days" refers, not to the time of Jesus' second coming, but to the entire gospel age. Peter said the events on this day of Pentecost occurred "in the last days." Hebrews 1:1,2 says the last days were when God spoke through His Son, in contrast to the time past when he spoke to the fathers by the prophets. (Cf. 1 Peter 1:20; 1 John 2:18.) Peter's point is that events on Pentecost began the fulfillment of God's promise to send the Holy Spirit on His people. Peter used the opportunity to begin preaching the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. This is what the people really needed to hear.

- What could happen to those who turned to the Lord (v21)?

Answer: Those who called on the Lord would be _____.

Acts 2:22-23: Jesus' Miracles

- What had God done through Jesus among the people?

Answer: Jesus had been empowered to do _____, _____, and _____ among them.

- Why does the Bible record Jesus' miracles (John 20:30,31)?

Answer: By reading the record of Jesus' signs, we can _____ that He is the Christ, the Son of God.

Peter was preaching to the same people who had killed Jesus at the previous Passover. He intended to prove that the one they had killed was in fact the Christ, the Son of God (cf. v. 36). He used three proofs to convince them. The first proof was Jesus' miracles.

- What had the people done to Jesus? (a) crowned Him King, (b) honored Him, (c) crucified Him, (d) believed in Him.

Answer: _____.

- Who had foreknown that this would happen?
- Answer: This was done by the foreknowledge of _____.

Many premillennialist claim that Jesus came to earth expecting to set up an earthly kingdom, but unexpectedly the people rejected and killed Him. However, the Bible says that God knew all along this would happen (cf. Isaiah 53). God sent Jesus knowing He would die as the sacrifice for our sins (John 3:16; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:6-9; Matt. 26:28; 20:28).

Acts 2:24-28: Jesus' Resurrection and Fulfillment of Prophecy

- What did God do after men crucified Jesus?

Answer: God _____ Jesus from the dead.

God does not expect people to believe in Jesus without proof. Peter's second proof was the resurrection, and he proved this by two lines of evidence: fulfilled prophecy and eyewitness testimony.

- Name the book and chapter quoted in verses 25-28.

Answer: The passage is (give book and chapter only) _____.

- Who spoke this prophecy? (a) Moses, (b) David, (c) Joseph Smith, (d) Mohammed, (e) all the preceding.

Answer: _____.

- What did the prophecy say would happen to his soul and flesh?

Answer: His soul would not stay in _____; His flesh would not suffer or undergo _____.

Hades ("hell" in some translations) here refers to the abode of departed or disembodied spirits (cf. Luke 16:19-31). The man described here would die, and his spirit would go to Hades but would not stay there. His flesh would not decay. How can this be? Peter explains.