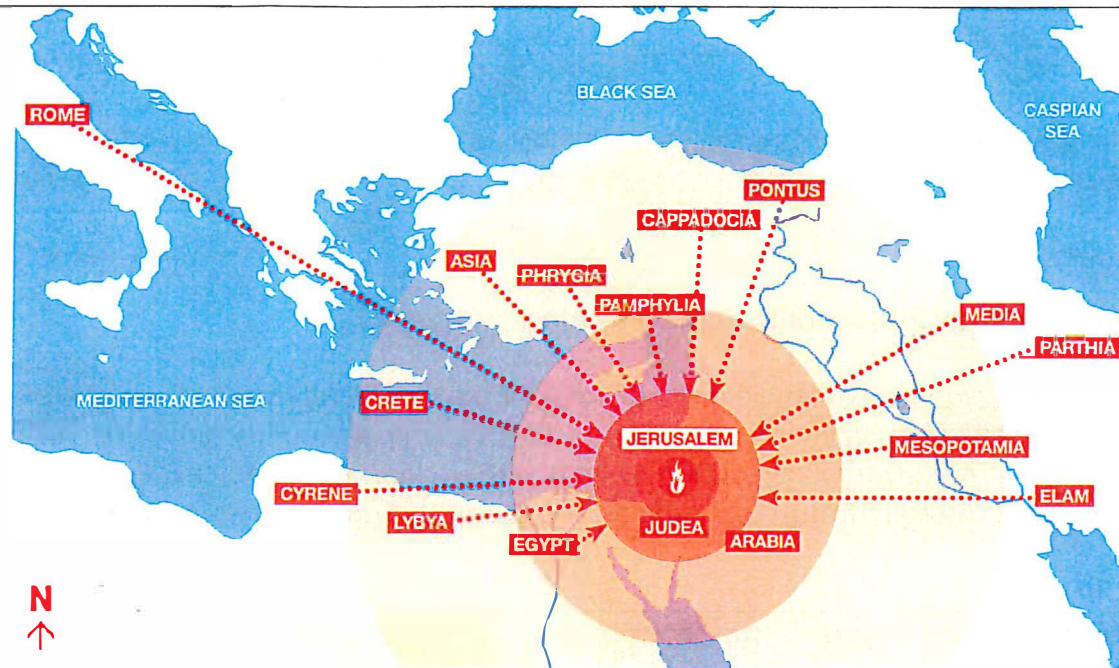


Our study of dwelling in the presence of God continues...

Acts 2:14-47 Giver and Growth

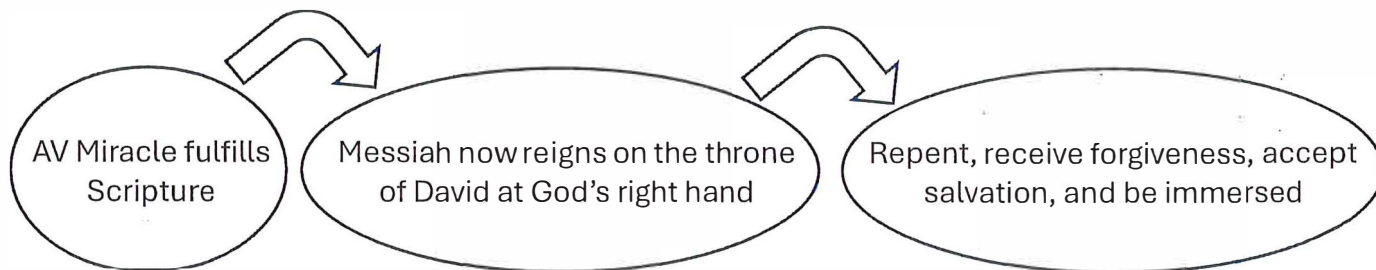


Outline of Acts 2

- I. *Arrival of the Holy Spirit and Identity of Jesus as Israel's Messiah (1-41)*
 - a. *Fulfillment at Pentecost (1-4)*
 - b. *Reaction of the Diaspora Jews Living in Jerusalem (5-13)*
 - c. *Peter's speech (14-36)*
 - i. *Address and refutation (14-15)*
 - ii. *The Spirit of prophecy has arrived as promised in Joel (16-21)*
 - iii. *The Prophecy has been fulfilled in Jesus' Life, death, and resurrection (22-24)*
 - iv. *Jesus is David's Promised Heir by His Resurrection (25-32)*
 - v. *Jesus Has Poured Out the Spirit by His Exaltation (33-36)*
 - d. *Peter's missionary sermon (37-40)*
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 - iv. *"The" Prayers*
 - b. *Effect of the Church on Unbelievers (43)*
 - c. *Essential Elements Expanded (44-47a)*
 - d. *Effect of the Church on Unbelievers (47b)*
 - e. *Continuing Growth (47c)*

The Giver of the Holy Spirit (2:14-41) First of 15 Speeches in Acts

(Remember, at this point, the hearers are Jewish, no Gentiles yet.)



The Descent of the Holy Spirit Fulfills Joel's Prophecy (witness #1)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing [where?] with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea (Jews) and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day [9 AM].

¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: [2:28-32a] [in other words, Joel explains what is happening]

Daniel fulfilled during Intertestamental Period	Jesus- "...the kingdom of God is at hand..."	Joel fulfilled in Jesus+Pentecost	Repent. Final epoch to bring salvation through the Son
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¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, [those who repent v. 38]

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, [gender]
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams; [age]

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants [class]
In those days, I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy [speaking the mighty acts of God].

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above [ascension]
and signs on the earth below,
blood (Lk 22:20 New Covenant), and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

descent of the Holy Spirit

crucifixion

parousia

N.B. Peter/Luke leaves out 32b. "For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors[?] shall be those whom the Lord calls." Stay tuned.

The Resurrection of the Promised Messiah Fulfills David's Prophecy (*witness #2*)

²²“Men of Israel (*Abraham*), hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, (1) a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, (2) you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴(3) God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, [*Psa 16:8-11*]

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; [*stumble, collapse*]

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh(*body*) also will dwell [*ongoing lifestyle*] in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

Covenant purposes depend on the Messiah

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ [*= face = blessing*]

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

The Ascension of Jesus the Messiah Fulfills David's Prophecy

³³(4) Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand,³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.” [*Psa 110:1*]

³⁶[lit.] Assuredly therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (*and is now risen, ascended, and sitting at the right hand of the Father*)

A Different Response from 2:1-13 (*verb group*” bewildered, amazed, astonished, perplexed, scoffing, jeering”)

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart [*conscience pierced*], and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ (5) for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**” ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and (6) there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Confession to Repentance

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The Holy Spirit and your agency in progressive sanctification

Confession

1 John 1:9

Repentance

Acts 3:19

WCF 15:4. As there is no sin so small that it does not deserve damnation, so there is no sin so great that it can bring damnation on those who truly repent.

**Holy Spirit
+ You**

Vivification

2 Cor 3:18

Mortification

Matthew 3:8

“When we sin, the very heart of Christ is drawn out to us.” Dane Ortlund (Gentle and Lowly)

Growth in the Holy Spirit (41-47) (birth of the New Covenant church)

⁴²And they devoted [*proskarterountes*, “steadfastly continuing”, with the idea of strength] themselves to

(1) the apostles' teaching and the fellowship → **LEARNING**

(2) to the breaking of bread → **SHARING/FELLOWSHIP**

(3) and the (*tais*) prayers. → **WORSHIP**

⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, [attending the temple together] and [breaking bread in their homes], they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people.

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. → **GROWING**

But Peter/Luke did not leave out Joel 2:32b. “For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors [They are in Acts 2:42-47!] shall be those whom the Lord calls.”

The Continuing Church	
Old Testament Church (Israel)	New Covenant Fulfillment (The Way → Christian)
Law and Prophets	Apostles' Teaching (New Covenant)
Covenant Fellowship	Breaking bread, Fellowship in Christ
Sacrifices, ritual, ceremony	The Prayers
Sign & wonders (Moses/Prophets)	Signs & wonders through apostles
Care for poor, widows, orphans	Sharing possessions, caring freely, generously, lavishly
God's presence in the tabernacle, temple, and pillar of fire	Holy Spirit dwelling in believers
Promise to bless nations with innumerable descendants	Lord added daily (Matt 28)

You and PCPC – Dwelling in God's Presence two millennia later

TEACHING/LEARNING (CE ministry)	SHARING (Fellowship/Mercy)	WORSHIP (House of Prayer) <i>(ekklesia)</i> Deut 4:10	GROWING (Evangelism/Missions)
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Sunday Morning Community ✓ Dinners for 8 ✓ Caring for Others ✓ Missions Projects? ✓

RE worship...Judge not the music nor the preacher. Rather, judge yourself.

Did you sing loudly? • Did you pray hard? • Did you listen deeply? • Did you repent?

How was your praise (or lament)?

"All Word and no Spirit, we dry up; all Spirit and no Word, we blow up; both Word and Spirit, we grow up."
David Watson