

II. The tongues of fire

In the Old Testament the focal point of God's presence was the **tabernacle**.

Now **believers** become the tabernacle in which the living God dwells!

III. Why the foreign tongues?

The foreign tongues emphasize that **prophecy** is to be the hallmark of the new age. (Acts 2:16-18)

In this new age **ALL** God's people are **prophets**.
Prophecy is to declare the **mind of God**.

What this means for us....

I. The wind means that the very **power of God** is available to us to speak for God.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

II. The tongues of fire mean.....I am **indwelt** by the Holy Spirit.

III. The foreign languages remind us.....that we are to be **spokesmen** in our day, speaking God's knowledge and truth to friends and neighbors today.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) Identify some areas of confusion regarding the Holy Spirit today.
- 2) What is your understanding of "the baptism of the Holy Spirit?"
- 3) What is the significance of the mighty rushing wind on the Day of Pentecost? What does it mean for us?
- 4) What is the significance of the tongues of fire? What do they mean for us?

5) Are all true Christians baptized in the Holy Spirit?

6) Pastor Dave says that in the Book of Acts God is not establishing a norm that all believers are to speak in tongues but at the same time says that the gift of tongues is a good gift that God gives to people. Discuss.

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on the "Life of the Church" message series. Each week's reading's are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - Joel 2

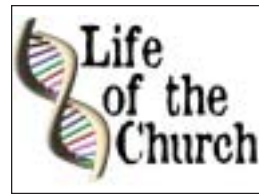
Tuesday - Acts 2:1-13

Wednesday - Acts 2:14-47

Thursday - Acts 3

Friday - Acts 4

Weekend - Acts 5



Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave Glesne ... "Power to Speak for God"
January 15, 2006 Acts 2:1-3, 16-18

Our very **usefulness** as Christ followers is tied up with an understanding of what happened on the **Day of Pentecost**.

Acts 1 speaks of the **Baptism of the Holy Spirit**.

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised...in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Acts 1:4-5

"When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."
Acts 2:1-3

The disciples witnessed **the sound of a mighty wind**

tongues of fire

different languages

Christ stood at the beginning of a **new era**.

The disciples were living through the transition from the **old** to the **new**.

"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6

I. The sound of the mighty **wind**.

Wind is used in relationship to the **power of God**.