

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME

Acts 2

People from far away came to the city of Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish harvest festival. Jesus' followers were gathered together when all of a sudden, a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where Jesus' followers were staying. Then tongues appeared like flames of fire, and they rested on each of the disciples. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gave them each the ability to speak in languages they had never spoken before!

Now, Jews who had come from every nation were in the city. They heard the sounds of the disciples, and they gathered in a crowd. They were confused because they each heard the disciples' voices in their own languages.

The listeners were amazed. "Aren't these men from Galilee? How are they speaking our language?" they wondered. Jesus' friends were telling people of all languages about the magnificent things God had done. How could these men speak so many languages? But some of the hearers doubted and made fun of them, saying, "They've just had too much wine."

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Big Picture Question:

How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.

Christ Connection:

God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the gospel with the entire world. God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior.