

EVERYONE EVERYWHERE

PART FOUR

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DISCUSS



What is the number one country in the world you've never been to, but would love to visit?

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. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

ACTS 2V1-13

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

ACTS 2:1-13

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTS

- 01 Being 'given to' people - 8v18; 5v32; 15v8; 11v17, 12v38; 8v20; 10v45; 11v17
- 02 'Falling upon' people - 8v16; 10v44; 11v15
- 03 'Coming upon' people - 1v8; 19v6
- 04 'Poured out on' people - 2v17; 10v45
- 05 People 'receiving' the Spirit - 2v38; 8v15,17; 10v47
- 06 Being 'baptised in the Holy Spirit' - 1v5; 11v16
- 07 Being 'filled with the Holy Spirit' - 2v4; 9v17

FILLING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTS

'Filled' across Acts and the book of Luke = **initial commission** of someone for service (Luke 1v15, Acts 9v17) or having **special inspiration to speak something from God** (Acts 4v8, 13v19, Acts 2v5ff).

Acts 6v3, 5, Acts 7v55, Acts 11v24, Luke 4v1 = a person who has **already been filled with the Spirit** can receive a fresh 'filling' for a specific task.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE...

The way the New Testament understands the Holy Spirit is not 'new' but a continuation and expansion of the Old Testament idea:

He empowers people to represent and communicate God's message to the world.



'THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT IS THE GIFT OF GOD HIMSELF TO DWELL WITHIN HIS PEOPLE.'

J. I. PACKER

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LAMIN SANNEH

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THE STORY OF PENTECOST

01 Followers of **Jesus** are prayerfully open to His work.

02 God's Spirit fills them and empowers them to represent **Jesus**.

03 They speak about **Jesus** to new people who haven't heard - from all over the world.

04 The ancient celebration of Shavuot/Pentecost finds fulfilment in God's work for us through **Jesus**.

Are we willing, as a church,
to grow in our love for God's
work *beyond our own
culture, place and people?*

DISCUSS



What challenges might prevent people from building relationships with those from different cultures or backgrounds?

What benefits could come from a church becoming more intentionally multicultural and globally aware?

Where might God be inviting you to step outside your comfort zone in order to connect with people who are different from you?

How could you personally grow in awareness, prayer, or involvement with Christians and communities in other parts of the world?

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Following the Book we call 'Acts'