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Rediscovering Our Roots

A study of Acts

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Acts Chapter Two

2:1-21 – The Promised Holy Spirit Comes

- I. **HOW** did the promised Holy Spirit come?
 - A. They were all together in one place – focused and waiting.
 - B. A loud noise like wind, and what looked like tongues of fire.
 - C. Each one spoke in whatever world language “the Spirit enabled” them to speak.
 - D. The gift was given to everyone there, men and women.
- II. **WHY** did the promised Holy Spirit come?
 - A. Jesus promised this gift would come (Acts 1:4-5; John 16:1-15).
 - B. To enable every person in celebrating Pentecost (from “every nation”) to hear the gospel in his/her own language (2:6-11).
 - C. As accreditation that the speakers were messengers from God (1:8, 2:22; Joel 2:28-32).
- III. **WHAT** does this mean to the 21st century church?
 - A. Every spiritual gift has one of two purposes:
 1. To enable the spreading of the gospel to the world (Acts 2; Romans 10).
 2. To build up (edify; mature) the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12-13; Ephesians 4:1-16).
--Side trip: 1 Corinthians 13 revisited (The meaning of *τελεος*)
 - B. Every spiritual gift is given at the good pleasure of God the Spirit (Acts 2:4; Ephesians 4:7 – grace = enabling gift; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11) and is given to whomever, however, wherever, and whenever God chooses.

Next Lesson: **Who crucified Jesus?**