

**Acts 2: Experiences of the Church (Source of Power)**

**I. The Holy Spirit Descends at Pentecost — the Coming of the Reality (vv. 1–4)**

- A. As strong wind and fire — entering into subjective experience
- B. Receiving eloquence — entering into service

**II. The Influence by the Power of the Holy Spirit (vv. 5–13)**

- A. The power of breakthrough manifested in the disciples (the power of change)
  - 1. Overcoming the weakness of the flesh
  - 2. Breaking the bondage of forms
  - 3. Crushing human teachings
  - 4. Transcending service limitations
- B. The strength of building up manifested in circumstances
  - 1. Going beyond the sphere of Judaism
  - 2. Triumphant over Roman political power
  - 3. Overwhelming Greek philosophies and wisdom
- C. The power of witnessing manifested in man's heart

**III. The Sole Purpose for Supernatural Experiences: Preaching God's Great Deeds (v. 13)**

- A. The purpose and nature of the work of the Holy Spirit are more important than the form and expression of experience
- B. All experiences are for the purpose of testifying of the resurrected Lord

**IV. The First Message by Peter (vv. 14–41)**

- A. The Lord Jesus was the center
- B. The experience of the Holy Spirit had an absolute relation to the Person and work of the Lord
- C. Content
  - 1. The filling of the Holy Spirit was out of God's promise — a stored blessing prepared by God
  - 2. The filling of the Holy Spirit was the result of the Lord's resurrection — a promise fulfilled in the realm of resurrection
  - 3. The filling of the Holy Spirit was related to the reign and glorification of the Lord — He is the center of all
- D. Strong and powerful influence — the Holy Spirit gaining freedom inside resulting in outward influence (vv. 37–41)
  - 1. The people were cut to the heart
  - 2. The way of salvation was pointed out — repentance, baptism, forgiveness of sins, and receiving the Holy Spirit
  - 3. Three thousand believed in the Lord

**V. The Beautiful Life of Unity in the Church — Unity Inside and Outside (vv. 42–47)**

- A. Devoted to the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer
- B. Unity in life — they had all things common
- C. Unity in spirit — they worshipped and served in one accord daily
- D. Fruitful service
  - 1. They enjoyed the favor of all the people
  - 2. The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved