

VIRAL

HOW THE GOSPEL SPREAD THEN AND NOW

Pastor Lance Ainsworth
Acts 2:1-21, 37-41

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, Aug 14
Sunday, Aug 17

Introduction

notes

Acts 2 ESV

2When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2**And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3**And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Without the Passover Lamb (Jesus), we don't have Pentecost.

Wind and fire are symbols of God's presence.

5Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6**And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7**And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8**And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9**Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11**both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians--we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." **12**And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13**But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Jesus' promise fulfilled. (Acts 1:8)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Last days: Prophecy, Visions, Dreams, and Signs

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸Peter said to them "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

⁴⁰And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" ⁴¹So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

The Gospel is always relevant. Repent of your sin, accept God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Viral: How the Gospel Spread Then and Now.

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth, Acts 2:1-21, 37 - 41

August 14th & 17th, 2025

Wind and Fire.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: How would you describe the presence of God?

Read Aloud: Acts 2:1-41

1. What is the purpose of other tongues in this passage of scripture? The church was diverse from the beginning. How can we have unity and diversity at the same time?
2. v. 17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares", How do you define "the last days"? What takeaways do you have from Joel's prophecy?
3. v. 17 "and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." What is the difference between a dream and a vision? What does the last days' prophecy sound like?
4. v. 37 " Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" What is Peter's application on the day of Pentecost? Why were the people cut to the heart by Peter's message?