

# PENTECOST: ACTS 2

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Pentecost was a very important moment for the beginning of the Church, and it's an important moment in our church, too. It's about preparation for what is to come, to receive the energy and power we need, through the Spirit, to carry out God's work here on Earth.

God ordained this time to send His Spirit. Just as the Jewish Passover became Easter because of Jesus' sacrifice, the Jewish Festival of Weeks (a time of sacrifice to grow closer to God) became Pentecost because of the gift of the Spirit.

Living by the law means trying to be right with God through hard work. Living by the Spirit means being fully alive. The gifts of the Spirit display God's power, and the fruit of the Spirit reveal the characteristics of a holy life. We must be refilled everyday, as leaky vessels, with more and more of God's Spirit.



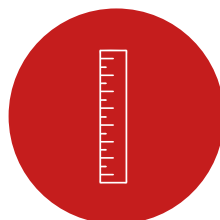
## 01 — They were all together

Jews from all over the world were in Jerusalem during Pentecost for the Festival of Weeks. What (if anything!) did you know about this festival before this sermon?



## 02 — Verse in focus

Someone in your group, please read aloud verse 12. What stands out to you in this verse? What other parts of the Bible does it remind you of?



## 03 — Gifts and fruit

We can't control the Spirit, but we can seek the Spirit's gifts and fruits. Is there one gift and one fruit that you seek?



## 04 — Practising what (Sam) preaches

How will you seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit even more this coming week?

