

Power on Pentecost



“When will this long wait end?” James asked.

“What did Jesus mean when he said that we would be baptized by the Holy Spirit?” added John.

“What will this gift be like?” Philip asked himself.

The disciples and other believers had been gathered together for the past 10 days to pray. And this day was no different. “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 languages as the Spirit enabled them.”

They went out into the street and began to speak in different languages. When the crowd heard this sound, they came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Many of the people who came were Jews from other countries.

“This is incredible!” someone said. “These men are from Galilee, but they’re speaking in my language.”

“No,” said another, “they are speaking in my language.”

“It’s impossible,” the crowd argued, “each of us hears them in our native language.”

“How can this be? What does this mean?” they asked confused.

“They’re drunk,” someone said to make fun of the disciples.

Peter heard what people were saying. He looked for a place where people could see and hear him. “Wait!” he shouted. “Listen to what I’m going to tell you. It’s early, only nine in the morning; so we’re not drunk. What happened here is exactly what God promised. He said he would give us the Holy Spirit.”

Peter continued, “The prophet Joel wrote about this. He said ‘In the last days, God will show many signs and wonders.

