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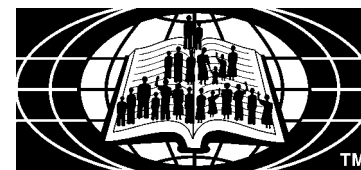
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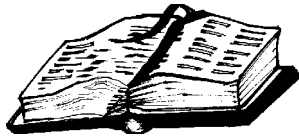
When the day of Pentecost arrived, all the believers were gathered in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky that sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire spreading out; And a tongue touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious men who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because each one of them heard the believers talking in his own language. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These men who are talking like this, they are all Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native language? We are from Parthia, Media... Asia... Egypt... Libya... Rome, yet all of us hear them speaking in our own language of the great things that God has done!”... But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These men are drunk!”

Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles, and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd, “Fellow Jews, and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means.

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Living in union with Jesus means that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit as we follow Christ's example.



PRACTICAL WORK

- Pray that God will fill you and guide your life, through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Using the illustration and the three steps the apostle Peter points out, share this account with your relatives, inviting them to also turn to God, be baptized and receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

Study and Practical Work Done

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These men are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. Rather, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about, "This is what I will do in the last days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all men..."

"All the people of Israel, then, are to know for sure that it is this Jesus, whom you nailed to the cross, that God has made Lord and Messiah!" When the people heard this, they were deeply troubled, and said to Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do, brothers?"

Peter said to them, "Turn away from your sins, each one of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. or God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away-all whom the Lord our God calls to himself..." Many of them believed his message and were baptized. (Acts 2)

In the first part of this reading, we see how God blesses the disciples, filling them with His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God Himself, who enters His children, SEALS them as His own, and gives them STRENGTH to resist Satan, POWER, GIFTS and FRUIT to serve Him.

Have you received this gift of the Holy Spirit in your life?

In the last part of the reading above, exactly what did Peter tell the people to do, to be saved?

Let us examine what the apostle Peter said to do.

1. Turn to God

Peter calls us to repent. This means a change of heart. God helps us to turn from sin to serve Him.

2. Be Baptized

Peter calls us to be baptized with water. Romans 6 reveals that our baptism confirms two things. First, we are united with Christ in His death; we die in respect to our sin. Second, we are raised with Him to a new, holy life.

“...when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into union with his death.”

(Romans 6:3)

Baptism assures the believer that he has died with Christ to sin, and been raised from the dead in Him, in God’s sight.

“For if we became one with Him in dying as He did, in the same way we shall be one with Him by being raised to life as He was.”

(Romans 6:8)

3. Receive the Holy Spirit

We let God invade our hearts. Peter promised the new believers who repented the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are born again through the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We receive Him by faith. (John 14:16-18, Galatians 3:1-6)

“Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with Him.”

(Colossians 2:6)