

SUNDAY RECAP

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week long. Enjoy!

Recap for: [Sunday, January 21, 2018](#)

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. Acts 2:1-3

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Imagine you are a missionary in a foreign land, how differently would you view your everyday life? Would your focus be different? If so, how?

POINT OF APPLICATION

- Begin praying for eyes to see the opportunities to love others and share the good news of forgiveness and full righteousness in Christ with those around you.
- Pray for us as a church to grow in God's mission of spreading the gospel in Plainfield and surrounding communities

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- How do you think more people will come to know about Jesus? Who has God put on earth to do that?
- Do you know He gave us a Helper to share the gospel? He gave us the Holy Spirit to love others and speak to them about Jesus!
- Who do you think God has in your life to love and tell about Jesus? Let's pray for them together.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Articles: [What's Really Going On? Acts 2](#) by White Horse Inn

[Q&A with Michael on the Holy Spirit](#) Modern Reformation Magazine

Podcast: [The Work Of The Holy Spirit](#) White Horse Inn

Bible Study: [Acts: A 12 Week Study](#) by Justin Holcomb

SONGS WE SANG *Check out our Spotify playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>

[Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace](#) by Red Mountain Music

[Desert Song](#) by Hillsong

[Holy Spirit](#) by Kari Jobe

[God With Us](#) by Jesus Culture

[May God Keep You](#) by Ordinary Time

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
if you are mourning and you long for comfort,
if you are struggling and you desire victory,
if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior,
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. ☩ To the stranger in need of fellowship,
to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, ☩ and to whoever will come,
this congregation opens wide its doors ☩ and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

C: We are those in need, our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy

C: We have not loved you with a pure heart, ☩ nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, ☩ or walked humbly with you, our God. ☩

L: Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, ☩ cleanse us from our sin. ☩

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we confess our sins we do not remain hopeless or have to wonder if we receive forgiveness from our God. Forgiveness of our sins is not based on how well we repent, but on the promise of our God. Hear the word of the Lord from 1 John 1-

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Receive forgiveness and be cleansed of all your sins if your faith is in Jesus the Righteous.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has greeted us with his peace, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. Take a moment to greet one another now.

BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit and proclaiming the good news of the Gospel!

L: Peace be with you

C: And also with You

SERMON REVIEW



ACTS 2:1-13 | *The Descent of the Spirit*

Jesus has told these people that they are going to receive power to be his witnesses in both locally and to the ends of the earth when the Holy Spirit comes upon them. And then he told them to go wait. Now we get to see what exactly the coming of the Holy spirit looks like in Acts ch.2.

We looked at 4 things from Acts 2:1-13
How the Spirit descends
Who the Spirit descends upon
What the result was
Why that matters to us 2000 years later.

How the Spirit descends

The people *heard* something and *saw* something

- What they heard - v.2 - “like a mighty rushing wind” (wind or breath, breath of life”
 - Examples in scripture:
 - **Gen 1:27** - God “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life”
 - **Ezekiel 37:5** Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.
 - **Ezekiel 37:9** “O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”
 - **Job 33:4** The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.
 - **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.
- What they saw - Fire
 - Examples in scripture:
 - **Burning bush: Exodus 3:2-4** And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” When the LORD saw that he turned

aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

- **Tabernacle- Exodus 40:34,38**

[34] Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.... [38] For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

- **My Sinai- Exodus 19:16–20** [18] Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. [19] And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. [20] The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

2. WHO THE SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON

This is really the most significant thing here I think when looking at the whole history of the bible. God has shown up before in wind and fire, but what Luke wants us to know is that this one is different. Look at the clues He gives us:

- V.1 they were ALL together in one place
- V.2 it filled the ENTIRE house where they were sitting
- V.3. divided tongues on EACH ONE
- V.4 they were ALL filled w the Holy Spirit

This is more than just a descent of the spirit, this is the descent of the spirit UPON humans, and not just a few but now the presence of God in the Holy Spirit is with EVERY SINGLE person who has faith in the Lord Jesus. That is a HUGE DEAL in the story of God. Because it signals the end of the need for a mediator between you and God. Now you and I have the presence of God within us. And we as a community have the presence of God in the Holy Spirit among us. We'll talk about what that means for us as a community in a minute, but first.. The result of this filling of the Spirit upon these 120 people is what???

3. WHAT WAS THE RESULT

Remember our summary verse from 1:8?

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT IS THE MEANS TO THE MOVEMENT OF THE GOSPEL to all nations. That is the big story here.

For that to happen what do we need? We need everyone to be able to hear the message of the gospel. How in the world can that happen when we start with 120 people?

Here in Acts 2 we have a reversal of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11) where the problem which would keep the gospel from getting outside of Jerusalem is solved when God does the opposite of what he did at Babel in a sense, not confusing their languages, but giving them unity and ability to speak so others can hear the gospel.

Pentecost signaled a reversal of this judgment, a drawing together of people “from every nation that is under heaven” (acts 2:5), not to erect a monument for their own pride, but to glorify God for his salvation.

4. WHY THIS MATTERS TO US 2,000 YEARS LATER

**It means You ARE a supernaturally enabled person and WE are a supernaturally inhabited community*

It means we have a mission, that is why Christ Community is here!

- Acts 1:8 is still active. It's still the story of the church to this day. We are still taking the gospel to the ends of the earth together.
- So for us, how do we step into that?

Imagine you are a missionary in Spain. How differently would you view things? Wouldn't your entire life orbit around building relationships with people who don't know Jesus. And you would take a long term mentality with them, loving them and praying for God to open their heart and asking the HS for the words to communicate the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Imagine if you were a missionary from another place who was dropped here. How differently would you view things here. It wouldn't be that you have life that gets in the way of other things. Life that gets in the way of mission. Rather, it would be that all those “life” things would be opportunities for the continuation of Acts 1:8.

One thing I think each of us can do as Spirit inhabited people:

Make a relationship with someone who doesn't know Jesus. Pray for them. And ask others to pray for them as well.