

## 3,000 NEW BELIEVERS IN JESUS

### Jesus' Promise: God's Holy Spirit Will Give You Power

Acts 1:4-9

4[After Jesus became alive again,] Jesus said to his disciples, “Stay in Jerusalem – and wait for 5God’s Holy Spirit. 8God’s Holy Spirit will come on you, and you will receive power. And you will tell people everywhere about me.” 9Then Jesus went up to heaven.

### Review (Acts 1:12-15; 2:1-14, 22-40)

So about 120 people who believed in Jesus stayed in Jerusalem – and they were together in one house. Suddenly God’s Holy Spirit came down on all the believers – and they could speak many languages. So the believers were talking about God in many languages. A crowd of people from many countries was living in Jerusalem – and the crowd came to the house. The crowd heard the believers talking about God in many languages. The crowd asked, “What does this mean?” So Peter [Jesus’ main disciple] told the crowd about Jesus. And Peter said: Jesus is alive again! Believe in Jesus – then God will forgive your sins, and God will give you his Holy Spirit.

### Acts 2: 41-47

41Many people believed what Peter said about Jesus. So that day, many people were baptized into Jesus – and about 3,000 people joined Jesus’ disciples.

42Every day the 3,000 believers listened to and obeyed the disciples’ teaching about God. The believers loved each other. They took communion together – they ate together – and they prayed together. 43Everyone was amazed and afraid of God. And the disciples did many miracles.

44All the believers shared everything. 45Some poor believers needed money. So other believers sold their things – and they gave money to the poor believers.

46Every day the believers met in the temple. They ate together in their homes – they ate together with happy and sincere hearts – 47and they praised God.

All the people in Jerusalem liked the believers. Every day God added new believers – so every day new people were saved.

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did Jesus promise the disciples? (Acts 1:5, 8)
  - When the Holy Spirit comes, what will the disciples get? (verse 8)
- After Jesus went back to heaven, how many believers were together in Jerusalem? (Review)
- What suddenly happened? (Review)
- What could the believers do? What ability did the Holy Spirit give the believers? (Review)
- What did the crowd ask? (Review)
- What did Peter tell the crowd? (Review)
  - How can we receive God's Holy Spirit?
- How many people believed Peter and were baptized? (verse 41)
- What did the 3,000 believers do? (verses 42)
- What did the disciples do? (verse 43)

Whose power did the disciples use? (Acts 1:8)

- What good thing did the believers do? How did they help each other? (verses 44-45)
- How did the believers show their love for God? (verses 42 & 46-47)
- And how did the believers show love for each other? (verses 42, 44-45 & 46)

**<sup>36</sup>What is God's greatest command?**

**<sup>37</sup>Jesus answered, " 'Love your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, [<sup>30</sup>]and with all your strength.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first command – and it is the greatest command. <sup>39</sup>The second command is: 'Love other people like you love yourself.' "**

Matthew 22:36-39 [Mark 12:30]

Why could the believers obey God?

Why could the believers love God and love people?

Because...

**Obeying God comes from faith.**

Romans 1:5

Believe God ———> Obey God

First believe ———> Then obey & do good

Who alone gives us power to obey God and do good? (Acts 1:8)  
(So first we believe in Jesus and receive his Holy Spirit.)