

Message 2
The **PROMISE** of the Father – Part 2
Acts 1 – 2

Key Verse: *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth* – Acts 1:8

Purpose: Written to the body of Christ so we can know our roots and follow the course.

I. The Ministry of the Apostles in **Jerusalem**, Judea, and Samaria – Acts 1-12 (Highlighted through Peter)

1A. The **PROMISE** of the Father – 1:1-2:47

6B. The Day of **PENTECOST** – 2:1-15

Note: the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot) is one of the 7 feasts of Israel. Every devout Jew is to return to Jerusalem to celebrate this wonderful feast. It commemorated the giving of the Torah and the birth of Judaism – Ex. 19:1. It was the 50th day from the Feast of First Fruits which is the 1st Sunday after Passover. On this wonderful day, the Holy Spirit was given and the Church of God was born! For further study, please consult:

http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Spring_Holidays/Shavuot/shavuot.html

1C. The **FILLING** of the Holy Spirit – 1-4

2C. The speaking of **FOREIGN** languages – 5-11

3C. The **FALSE** accusation – 12-15

Note: the hyper Pentecostal doctrine of being drunk in the Spirit is absolute nonsense. The disciples were not drunk – Peter flat out denies this accusation and renders it falsehood. He uses common sense; it was only 9 AM! ...*those who get drunk are drunk at night* – Thess. 5:7.

7B. The **PREACHING** on Pentecost – 14-36

1C. The Last Days **ACTIVITY** of the Holy Spirit – 16-21; Joel 2

2C. The **AUTHENTICITY** of the Messiah's death and resurrection – 22-32; Psalm 16

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- 3C. The **ASSURANCE** of the Messiah's ascension and Lordship – 33-36; Psalm 110

- 8B. The **PERSUASION** of the Gospel – 37-41
 - 1C. The **FRUIT** of Repentance – 37-38
 - 2C. 3,000 **FOLLOWERS** of Christ – 39-41

- 9B. The **PARTNERSHIP** of all believers – 42-47
 - 1C. The **FOCUS** of all believers – 42
 - 1. apostles' doctrine – the Word of God
 - 2. fellowship
 - 3. breaking of bread
 - 4. prayers

Note: our roots and our course. Believers were equally devoted to all four of these things. As believing individuals, they were faithful to these corporate ideals.

- 2C. The **FELLOWSHIP** of all believers – 45-47

Note: this is how the 1st church operated; these are the foundational practices of the body of Christ. These are our roots. Are we following the course?