

The Fruit from the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit comes to earth

I. The Holy Spirit was sent to bring new ministries for believers.

1. He came first to a special group of believers (Acts 2:1-4).
 - 1) About 120 (Acts 1:15).
 - 2) All praying for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14; Lu. 11:13).
2. The Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost (Acts 2:4).
 - 1) Our Passover is Christ (1 Cor. 5:7).
 - 2) Our first-fruit is the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:23).
3. When controlled-filled by the Holy Spirit the 120 all spoke in unfamiliar languages (Acts 2:4).
 - 1) Languages different from normal (Acts 2:7).
 - 2) Languages that communicated truth (Acts 2:11).
 - 3) 16 + languages and dialects (Acts 2:9-11).
4. Three groups:
 - 1) 120 believers (Acts 1:15; 2:1-4).
 - 2) Jerusalem Jews (Acts 2:5-12).
 - 3) Mockers (Acts 2:13).

II. "What means this thing?" (Acts 2:12, 14, 16, 33).

1. "This thing" was explained by Peter (Acts 2:14).
2. 'spirit' is a neuter noun, 'thing'.
3. "This thing" is that which was spoken of by Joel (Acts 2:16; Joel 2:27-29).
4. "This thing" is the same Spirit that Joel prophesied.

The Differences between the Spirit in Joel 2 and Acts 2	
Joel 2	Acts 2
The beginning of the Millennium	The beginning of the Church
All flesh is filled, everyone on earth	Only 120 are filled

III. Peter's explanation of "This Thing" (Acts 2:32-33).

1. The Father promised the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4, 2:33).
2. The Holy Spirit was "poured out".
 - 1) The Holy Spirit is "This Thing".
 - 2) "This Thing" was seen and heard at Pentecost.

IV. This was the beginning of the Church (Acts 11:15-16).