

REAL CHRISTIANITY

The Model of the First Church
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THE GOSPEL WE SHARE

- Jesus is God! His miracles prove it Acts 2:22
- He died on the cross Acts 2:23
- God raised him back to life Acts 2:24-32
- This gives us gladness, joy & hope! Acts 2:26
- He has sent his Spirit from heaven Acts 2:33-35
- We must repent & be baptized Acts 2:36-38
- We will be given his Holy Spirit Acts 2:38-39
- We must live differently from the world Acts 2:40

1.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise like a strong, blowing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something like flames of fire that were separated and stood over each person there." Acts 2: 1-3 (NCV)

"They . . . all . . . began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves." Acts 2:4 (NJB)

"Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles." Acts 2:43 (NIV)

2.

"There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, 'These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages?'" Acts 2:5-8 (GNT)

"All of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" Acts 2:11 (GNT)

3.

"Then Peter stood up . . . and . . . began to speak to the crowd. . . . 'These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. . . . God says: 'I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will proclaim my message.'"

Acts 2:14-15, 17-18 (GNT)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Acts 2:21 (NIV)

4.

"Peter...addressed the crowd: '...let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say... This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel... I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below... And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" Acts 2:14, 16, 19 (NIV)

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day!" Acts 2:41 (NIV)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." Acts 2:42 (NIV)

5.

"They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers." Acts 2:42 (GNT)

"They were like family to each other." Acts 2:42 (CEV)

"All the believers lived in a wonderful harmony." Acts 2:44 (MSG)

"All the believers continued together in close fellowship." Acts 2:44 (GNT)

"All the believers lived in a wonderful harmony." Acts 2:44 (MSG)

"They . . . met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness." Acts 2:46 (TLB)

6.

"They worshiped together at the Temple each day." Acts 2:46 (NLT)

" . . . praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." Acts 2:47 (NIV)

"You have shown me the paths that lead to life, and your presence will fill me with joy." Acts 2:28 (GNT)

"Because of this, my heart will be glad, my words will be joyful, and I will live in hope" Acts 2:26 (CEV)

7.

"They shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever was in need." Acts 2:44-45 (CEV)

"They . . . shared their meals with great joy and generosity." Acts 2:46 (NLT)

8.

"People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved." Acts 2:47 (MSG)

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