

# A NEW BEGINNING

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Acts 2:1-41 (p. 1692)

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*"I will pour out my Spirit on all people . . . .  
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."  
Acts 2:17-21*

## 1. The biggest "This is that"

*"No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people . . . .'"*  
Acts 2:16-17

Hebrews 1:1-2 (see Isaiah 2:2) → inaugurates a "New Covenant" or a new "administration" (Jeremiah 31)  
→ same heart of God, same sinfulness of man, same new birth, same response of repentance . . . .

What's new is JESUS: 1) victory over the sin and death means the curse is beginning to reverse  
2) victory over Satan means the gospel is free → Revelation 20:1-3

What was really new (or, what's last about the last days)? \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Answering the Pentecost question

*"Men of Israel, listen to this . . . .  
Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified,  
both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"  
Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit . . . ."*  
Acts 2:22-36

How do I answer the Pentecost question? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Pentecost living today

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and our children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

Acts 2:38-39

#### 1) Pentecost HAPPENS

Acts 2:1-4 → 2 Kings 2 and the "We Are Seeing What Is There All The Time" Principle

#### 2) Pentecost starts with WAITING (BUT EXPECTANT WAITING!)

Acts 1:4-5

### Further study of Acts 2

*Concerning this salvation, the prophets who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing . . . .*

1 Peter 1:10

Bob Deffinbaugh on Pentecost at <https://bible.org/seriespage/4-putting-pentecost-perspective-part-3-peter%E2%80%99s-interpretation-pentecost-acts-21-40>

Spurgeon's "Pricked in Their Hearts" at <http://www.biblebb.com/files/spurgeon/2102.htm>

John Piper's "How to Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit" at <https://www.desiringgod.org/scripture/acts/2/messages>

S. Lewis Johnson's "This is That" at <http://sljinstitute.net/acts/this-is-that-acts/>

Maclaren's "A Pure Church is an Increasing Church" at [http://biblehub.com/library/maclaren/expositions\\_of\\_holy\\_scripture\\_the\\_acts/a\\_pure\\_church\\_an\\_increasing.htm](http://biblehub.com/library/maclaren/expositions_of_holy_scripture_the_acts/a_pure_church_an_increasing.htm)