

Bible passage: Acts 2.1-21

Introduction

Pentecost: a day where the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit and everything changed.

Two points from this passage: The disciples were **expectant**, and the Spirit **enabled** them.

The Disciples were expectant for God to move, for Jesus' promise to be fulfilled. They were waiting and praying not passively but actively to see the work of God. Despite really knowing what they were waiting for or knowing what was to come and when, they still waited and prayed. They could have all decided to up and leave after Jesus had ascended into heaven. They decided to trust. They were **expectant** for something to come, something to happen and something to change.

The Spirit enabled Peter and that made the difference. Once again, everything hinges on the Spirit's ability. The same man who uttered the words "I do not know him", is now addressing the crowd. Peter stands up and is the first to lift his voice and proclaim openly the word that only a few weeks before he could not speak. In Genesis 2 the Spirit of God breathed life into dust and created a human being. In Acts 2 the Spirit has breathed life into a once cowardly disciple and created a new man who now has the gift of bold speech. It was nothing in the ability of the disciples that made the difference. Peter had never preached like this before. It was the Spirit that

enabled Peter and made the difference. The Spirit can make a difference in our lives.

Conclusion

If we are called to take share the gospel, then we need the Holy Spirit. If we are to live as followers of Jesus and have a life of fullness, we need the Holy Spirit who enables us and fills us with strength and power. We cannot do it on our own. The Holy Spirit wants to fill's us a fresh. To give us a reason to be expectant and enable us to do the work God has called us to do.

Some questions for discussion

1. Read Acts 2.1-4. What would your reaction be if you were present in the room? How has everything changed?
2. Read Luke 22.54-62. What is the difference between Peter in this passage to Peter in Acts 2? How can this encourage us?
3. The disciples waited and prayed expectantly, why is it important to be expectant if we want to see the Spirit at work? What might this mean for you? Are you expectant?
4. Read Luke 24.49. The disciples trusted Jesus' promise. What promises has God made you? What would it look like if God fulfilled his promises for you? What are you hoping and praying for?
5. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through this passage? It might be something to pray about, to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do.