

How did the coming of the Holy Spirit effect the lives of the believers in Acts 2?

1. The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) ⁴And they were all filled (**wholly imbued**, to saturate something with a substance, especially dye **affected, influenced with or by something**), with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

2. The Holy Spirit was poured out on all the believers.

Acts 2:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour (it means that he will bestow large measures of spiritual influences. As the Spirit renews and sanctifies men, so to pour out the Spirit is to grant freely his influences to renew and sanctify the soul.) out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, (to declare truths through the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit whether by prediction or otherwise Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*

3. The believers warned of God's judgment.

Acts 2:19-20 (NKJV) ¹⁹*I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.* ²⁰*The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

4. The believers proclaimed God's salvation.

Acts 2:21 (NKJV) ²¹*And it shall come to pass That whoever calls (to call upon for aid in one's own behalf) on the name (character, dignity, referring to an honorable appellation) of the LORD Shall be saved.'*

As a result of being filled with the Holy Spirit, the believers became:

A. A verbal witness to the wonderful works of God.

Acts 2:22 (NKJV) ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, **a Man** attested (**approved, confirmed of God through miracles**) by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--

B. A verbal witness to a relationship with the Lord.

Acts 2:25-26 (NKJV) ²⁵For David says concerning Him: *'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, (the place of dignity and honor) that I may not be shaken.* ²⁶*Therefore my heart rejoiced, (The meaning is, because God is near me in time of calamity, and will support and deliver me, I will not be agitated or fear, but will exult in the prospect of the future, in view of the "joy that is set before me.") and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.*

C. A verbal witness to the soul-saving power of the Lord.

Acts 2:27 (NKJV) ²⁷*For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

D. A verbal witness to the abundant life in the Lord.

Acts 2:28a (NKJV) ²⁸ *You have made known to me the ways of life; (This properly means the path to life; as we say, the road to preferment or honors; the path to happiness;)*

E. A verbal witness to an eternity in the Lord's presence.

Acts 2:28b (NKJV) *You will make me full of joy in Your presence.*

F. A verbal witness that these events are according to scripture.

Acts 2:29-31 (NKJV) ²⁹"Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

G. A verbal witness that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Acts 2:32-35 (NKJV) ³²This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: *'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, ³⁵Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."* '

H. A verbal witness that Jesus is both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:36 (NKJV) ³⁶"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

I. A verbal witness is the only response to the resurrected Savior.

Acts 2:37-40 (NKJV) ³⁷Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" ³⁸Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

The church was not born when the Holy Spirit came. The church was born when the Holy Spirit filled people carried out their God given ministry! If this is true, why is the church in America collapsing?

Before you answer the last question, make sure you understand and know all the Biblical duties and responsibilities of a Holy Spirit filled believer to be a verbal witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Will you repent of all your sins, be baptized in Jesus' name and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?