



“The Birth of the Church

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Introduction – Luke writes the book of Acts to explain the rise of Christianity to his friend Theophilus.

I. The Descent of the Holy Spirit.

- A. Christianity can be explained by the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Him.
- B. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the believers in Jerusalem.
- C. There were four visible signs that accompanied those who were filled with the Spirit.
 - 1. A strong wind inside the house.
 - 2. Tongues of fire on each believer.
 - 3. Speaking in other languages.
 - 4. Fearless joy.
- D. People asked what all this meant.
- E. Peter’s answer from the prophet Joel pointed them to salvation in Jesus and their need to repent and believe in Him.

II. The Birth of the Church.

- A. All the new believers were drawn together.
- B. All the new believers were devoted to six things.
 - 1. The apostles teaching.
 - 2. Fellowship.
 - 3. Worship.
 - 4. Prayer.
 - 5. Each other.
 - 6. Reaching others.
- C. They reached others with the Gospel –
 - 1. With their life.
 - 2. With their words.
 - 3. With their good works.
- D. Every believer went from being a ministry consumer to a Gospel proclaimer.

Conclusion.