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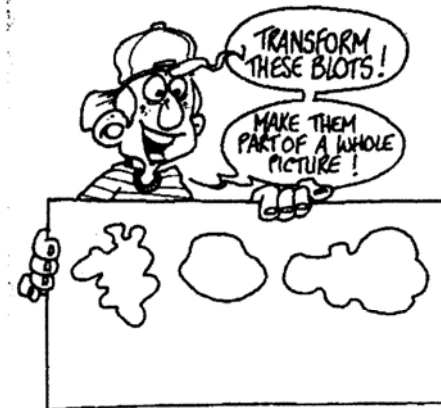


The Day of Pentecost 19 May, 2024

Acts 2:1-4

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

Holy Spirit, come like the wind, rushing and swirling. Breathe new life in each of us and fill us to overflowing with your love. **Amen**



ACTS TOO

Beth: Have you noticed how Dave's changed over the last few months?

Ryan: Yes, I have. He seems more settled. And he doesn't keep losing his temper.

Carl: He lost it last week though.

Ryan: Yeah, but that was when he got mad at Ross for kicking my shirt into the gutter.

Beth: In the old days it would have been Dave doing the shirt kicking!

Carl: What's happened, do you reckon?

Ryan: Well, we've all been praying for him, haven't we? And he's been asking questions about things as well.

Beth: What things?

Ryan: Oh, you know - who made God... what are ghosts... that kind of stuff.

Carl: God's amazing. Fancy him listening to our prayers.

Beth: Yes, and he's sorting Dave out. God's power is so incredible.

All: God does things. God ACTS TOO.

Carl: Acts 2! That's today's reading!

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD
 WHAT REALLY HAPPENED? WAS THERE A STORM WITH LIGHTNING OR SOMETHING?
 Those who were there said it sounded like a rushing wind and they sensed brightness rather like flames. But it was not actual wind and fire. The onlookers came running to see what had happened. I SUPPOSE GOD'S POWER IS BOUND TO BE SPECTACULAR LIKE THAT.
 Not always. Sometimes the Spirit comes very gently, giving a sense of deep peace and calm.
CAN THE HOLY SPIRIT STILL COME TO US TODAY?
 It can and it does!

HOW TO GET IN ON THE ACTS!

- Learn how to wait on the living, real God, making yourself still and quiet, and attentive
- Expect God to act
- Read the book of Acts straight through, to see God at work in his friends
- Want God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done
- Live thankfully

LORD, THAT POWER THE DISCIPLES WERE GIVEN - I WANT IT, TOO. I'VE SEEN THE WAY THEY WERE CHANGED AND STRENGTHENED - AND I WANT THAT, TOO. WILL YOU LET YOUR HOLY SPIRIT COME TO ME AND FILL MY LIFE?

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



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FIRE	PENTECOST	WONDERS	AMAZED
HEAR	OTHER	SPEAK	WIND
SPIRIT	BLOWING	TONGUES	HOLY
DECLARE	LANGUAGE	SOUND	FILLED

Pentecost

Find this story in Acts 2



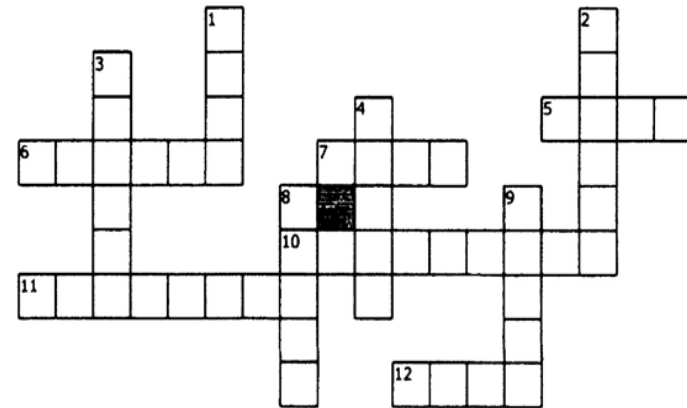
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ACROSS

5. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED