



THE BOOK OF ACTS

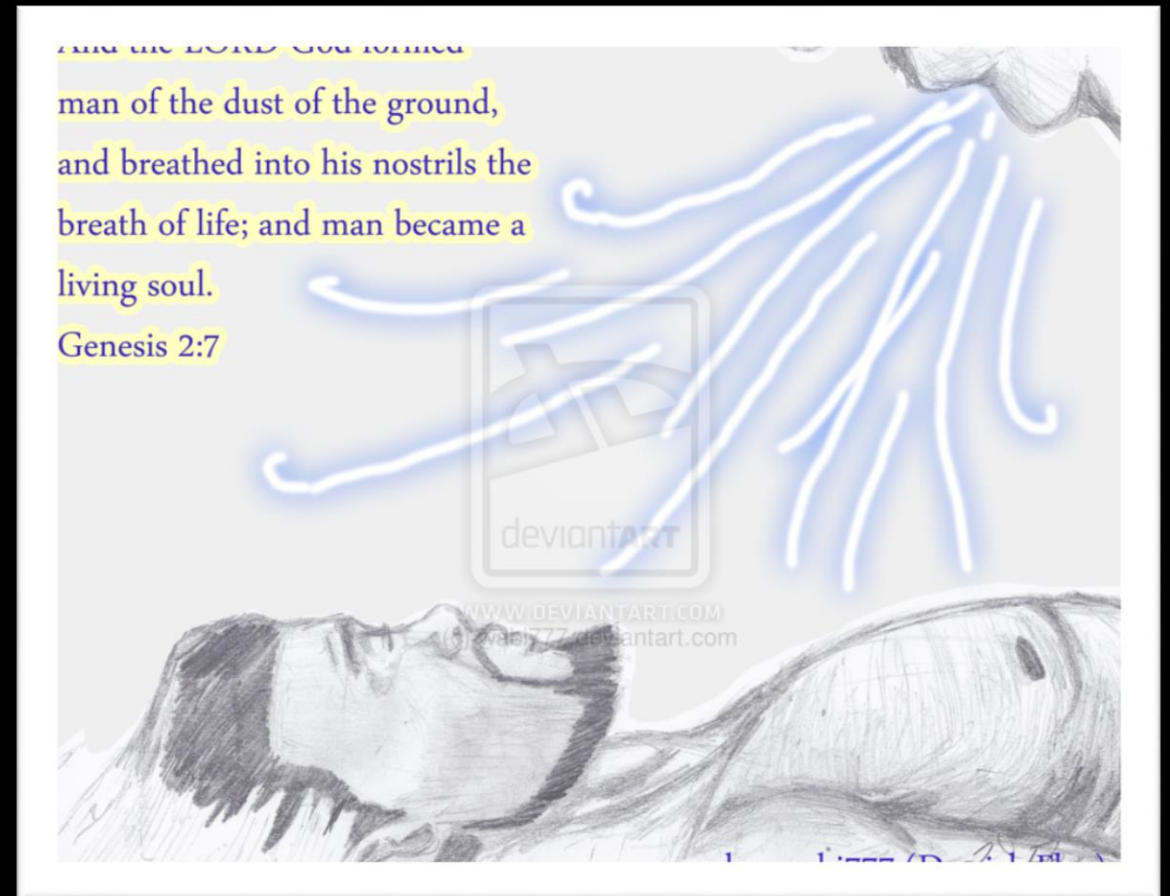
The Time of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church

ADAM

Genesis 2:7 (CEV)

⁷The LORD God took a handful of soil and made a man. God breathed life into the man, and the man started breathing.

The breath of God brought Adam to life!



THE CHURCH

Acts 2:1-4

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one upon each of them. ⁴ And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The breath of God brought the church to life!

TONGUES OF CONFUSION

Genesis 11:7-9

⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.” ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



TONGUES OF UNION

Acts 2:5-8

⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" ⁸ And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?



PENTECOST REVERSES BABEL

In Genesis 11, God used unknown languages to divide people and stop evil.

In Acts 2, God uses unknown languages to unite people and promote good!



A FORK ON THE ROAD

Acts 2:12-13

¹² Everyone was excited and confused. Some of them even kept asking each other, “What does all this mean?” ¹³ Others made fun of the Lord’s followers and said, “They are drunk.”



Experiences with God demand a decision from us. We either accept it or reject it.

JOEL'S PROPHECY

Acts 2:14-16

¹⁴ Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd: Friends and everyone else living in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I have to say! ¹⁵ You are wrong to think that these people are drunk. After all, it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ But **this is what God had the prophet Joel say,**



JOEL'S PROPHECY

Acts 2:17-18

¹⁷ “When the last days come, I will give my Spirit to everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. ¹⁸ In those days I will give my Spirit to my servants, both men and women, and they will prophesy.



WHAT NOW?

Acts 2:37-39

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were very upset. They asked Peter and the other apostles, “Friends, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter said, “**Turn back to God! Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven. Then you will be given the Holy Spirit.**



FOR WHOM?

Acts 2:39

39 This promise is for you and your children. It is for everyone our Lord God will choose, no matter where they live.”



CHURCH AS A FAMILY

Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹ On that day about three thousand believed his message and were baptized. ⁴² They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE...

What a difference
the Holy Spirit makes!

