

Title: *Pentecostal Faith and Practice*

Text: Acts 2:1-4

1. What does it mean to be Pentecostal?

- It is an experience with the Holy Spirit subsequent to conversion with the initial evidence of speaking in a prayer language hitherto unknown.
- Foretold by the prophets (Joel 2:28-29)
- Promised by Jesus (Acts 1:5)
- Received on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)
- The Samaritans receive (Acts 8:14-18)
- Paul receives (Acts 9:17-18; 1 Cor. 14:18)
- Cornelius receives (Acts 10:44-46)
- Ephesus receives (Acts 19:4-8)

2. With...in...and upon

- John 15:26; John 14:17; Acts 19:5
- Power for service

3. How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?

- 1) Confess your sins and receive God's cleansing and forgiveness
- 2) Yield every area of your life to Jesus
- 3) Ask in faith...believing (Ephesians 5:18)
- 4) Give thanks for this wonderful gift
- 5) Expect great things to happen.
 - Anticipate that the Holy Spirit will work deeply and powerfully in your life
 - Do you want everything God has for you?
 - Are you ready to be filled, empowered, released, guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit?
 - Are you eager to experience the power of the Holy Spirit?
 - If so, you are ready!