

A SPECTACULAR, MONUMENTAL INTRODUCTION ACTS 2:1-12

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Filled has the meaning of finally being satisfied, completed, empowered, or full (of the Holy Spirit). Compare Matthew 5:6, Acts 2:4, & Ephesians 5:18.

WIND! The Holy Spirit came with a sound like a violent wind. In Hebrew wind means both breath and spirit. Thus God's breath or Holy Spirit is creative, moving, and dynamic. James M. Boice, *Acts*, pages 39, 40. (**Acts 2:1, 2, Genesis 1:1, 2, Genesis 2:7, John 3:5-8, fn 3:6, John 20:22, fn 20:22[2nd], II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17**) *Describe how you have seen the Holy Spirit working in your family and in your life.*

FIRE! The Holy Spirit came with what seemed to be tongues of fire. "The Spirit now rests upon each believer individually. The emphasis from Pentecost onward is on the personal relationship of God to the believer through the Holy Spirit." Kent Hughes, *Acts*, page 32. (**Acts 2:3, fn 2:3,4[1st], Luke 3:16, fn 3:16, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13**) *Do you have a personal relationship with God? How can you experience His presence in your life?*

SPEECH! The Holy Spirit came enabling all to speak in a language they did not know. These people, filled with the Holy Spirit, declared the wonders of God! (**Acts 2:4-12, fn 2:4-11, fn 2:7,8, I John 5:13-15, fn 5:13, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[1st]**) *Why and how can you be filled with Holy Spirit?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?