

Year C #630  
***Pentecostal Power in Peter***  
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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ brought a complete change in the life of the Apostle Peter, as he sensed a new authority and change within, but, until the day of Pentecost, he lacked the power to perform. Previously, Peter had good intentions, but they brought about bad mistakes. Peter had been a mixture of over-confidence and cowardice, but now the day of Pentecost was a pivot in Peter's life. May God the Holy Spirit so work in your life if you are a believer, that the work is Him making Jesus real through you.

**Acts 2 —**

**1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all assembled together in one place,**

**2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.**

**3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.**

**4 And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different,**

foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].

**5** Now there were then residing in Jerusalem Jews, devout and God-fearing men from every country under heaven.

**6** And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together and there were astonished and bewildered, because each one heard them [the apostles] in his own [particular] dialect. This is the day of Pentecost - glorious day! This is the birthday of the Church! We go on to read -

**7** And they were beside themselves with amazement, saying, Are not all these who are talking Galileans?

**8** Then how is it we hear, each of us, in our own (particular) dialect to which we were born?

**12** . . . What can this mean?

**13** But others made a joke of it and derisively said, They are simply drunk and full of sweet (intoxicating) wine.

**14** But Peter. . . *-clearly and boldly - . . .* **addressed them:** - *the crowd.* As a Jewish Christian, he then addressed non-Christian Jews with the view of bringing them to conviction. He repelled the accusations and immediately used Scriptures to convince his audience of the ministry of Jesus, His life, and His death as prophesied. Peter spoke of the patriarch David being a prophet and knowing that God had sealed to him with an oath that He would set one of his descendants on his throne. We read -

**31** He, foreseeing this, spoke [by foreknowledge] of the resurrection of the Christ (the Messiah) that He was not deserted [in death] and left in Hades (the state of departed spirits), nor did His body know decay or see destruction. [Psalm 16:10].

**32** This Jesus God raised up, - *this is the amazing part of the sermon* - and of that all we [His disciples] are witnesses.

**33** Being therefore lifted high by and to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promised [blessing which is the] Holy Spirit, He has made this outpouring which you yourselves both see and hear.

Peter goes on to share the glory of Jesus: exalted by God; acknowledged by God; honored by God. But rejected by man.

**36** . . . God hath made Him both Lord and Christ (the Messiah) — this Jesus - *notice what he says* - Whom you crucified.

Now, so far, the sermon was going on very well, but you see, that is the ministry of the Word. He started where they were and he brought them to see what God had done, and then he applied what was necessary so that the conviction of the Lord would fall in the midst.

The Word of God, always, when it is used in the power of the Spirit, will bring conviction, direction, exhortation. It has been said, *The Son of God is the substance; the Word of God is the instrument; the Spirit of God is the power; and the man of God is the channel. The*

*salvation of God is the result and, praise God, the glory of God, is the end.*

Oh, is God speaking to your life at this time and showing you that, first of all, you don't understand anything about the work of God the Holy Spirit in your life? It is impossible to know this work without coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ personally. We are delighted to help in any way we can, if you can be in contact with the studio. We want you to personally know Him. There is a little book, *Your Quest for God*, which will be of special help in this direction. As a believer, it is our privilege then not only to have been born of the Spirit of God but to know that fresh daily infilling of His Spirit, that it might be Christ doing His work by His power, witnessing through these vessels of His, and He will get all the glory. Will you say *Yes* to Him now?

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*