

## **Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13) Part I: vv.1-4**

Pentecost at the time of Christ: anniversary of giving of the law at Sinai

The Spirit signals the essential difference between the OC and NC

Law came through Moses the servant, Spirit came through Jesus the Son

1. Power promised by Jesus (1:8; Luke 24:49) is extraordinary power
2. Holy Spirit sustains the completion of world evangelization & ministry
3. Task of world evangelization not yet complete, still much needed today

### **I. What Happened to the Disciples at Pentecost? (v 1)**

- Disciples could only pray & wait, we cannot do the work, God must act
- “Suddenly” Holy Spirit is free & sovereign: not bound by any timeline

### **II. Manifestation of the Spirit: Wind, Fire and Utterance (vv.3-4)**

- Suddenly a sound came from heaven, rushing wind, filling the house
- This was a sign: God was about to a mighty work of renewal (Is 6:1-4)
  1. Wind was symbolic of the breath of God (Ezekiel 37: 9-10)
  2. Fire: fire is a symbol of God’s presence throughout the Bible (Ex 3:2-4)  
(Ex 24:17)
  3. Divinely empowered utterance: inspired speech associated with Spirit  
(Numbers 11: 26-29; 1 Samuel 10:6-12)
- Tongues of fire, disciples & apostles boldly declaring the praises of God
- God meets His people, manifests His powerful presence – experiential

### **III. God Powerfully Manifests Himself throughout History**