

HOW CAN I LIVE THE LIFE I WANT  
“Will the Real Pentecost Please Stand Up?”

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Acts 2:1-13

**“No, I will not abandon you as orphans---I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live.” (John 14:18-19 NLT)**

**“In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.” (John 14:20)**

**“Paul had decided to sail on past Ephesus, for he didn’t want to spend any more time in the province of Asia. He was hurrying to get to Jerusalem, if possible, in time for the Festival of Pentecost.” (Acts 20:16 NLT)**

**“In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost.” (I Cor. 16:8 NLT)**

1. THE *UNITY* OF THE BELIEVERS: (v. 1)

A. The *Setting*

**“On the day of Pentecost...”**

**“But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.” (John 16:7-8 NLT)**

B. The *Source*

**“...all believers were meeting together in one place.”**

2. THE *UNIQUENESS* OF THE SPIRIT’S ARRIVAL: (vv. 2-4)

A. The Gift of *Power*

**“Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.” (v. 2 NLT)**

B. The Gift of *Purity*

**“Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.” (v. 3 NLT)**

C. The Gift of *Promotion*

**“And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.” (v. 4 NLT)**

3. THE *UNBELIEF* OF THE WORLD: (vv. 5-13)

**“At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.” (v. 5 NLT)**

**“When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.” (v. 6 NLT)**

A. The *Confusion* of the People

**“They were completely amazed. ‘How can this be?’ they exclaimed. ‘These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking our own native languages!’” (vv. 7-8 NLT)**

**“And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” (v. 11 NLT)**

**“They stood there amazed and perplexed. ‘What can this mean?’ they asked each other.” (v. 12 NLT)**

B. The Ridicule of the *Crowd*

**“But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, ‘They’re just drunk, that’s all.’” (v. 13 NLT)**

**“The world cannot receive Him, because it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him.” (John 14:17b NLT)**

**“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day---about 3,000 in all.” (Acts 2:41 NLT)**