

WHAT THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MEANS

I. God is a _____ reality.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven <u>a</u> <u>noise like a violent rushing wind</u>, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there <u>appeared to them</u> <u>tongues as of fire</u> distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And <u>they were all filled with the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u> and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Acts 2:1–4 (NASB)

Three observations:

- **1.** There was a ______.
- 2. There was an ______.
- 3. There was an ______.

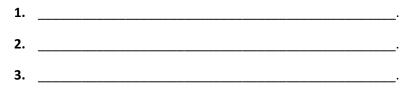
II. God is a _____ reality.

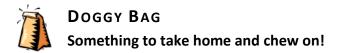
Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

III. God's personal presence ______

And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine." Acts 2:12–13 (NASB)

Three responses:





- 1. When have you heard the mighty wind of the Spirit blow? When have you seen the fire of God? When have you heard the Spirit speak your language and call to your heart? How did you respond?
- **2.** If you were in Jerusalem that day, how would you have responded? How are you responding to the Holy Spirit in your own life?
- 3. What could change in your life as you allow the Holy Spirit to be a present and personal reality to you?
- 4. Pastor Todd's request: Become a Pastor Prayer Partner and commit to pray daily with Pastor Todd for one year as we transition our Lead Pastors. <u>Sign up here.</u>
- **5. Suggestion:** Consider joining or serving on the team for the next Alpha Course. Alpha is a great place to learn more about the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.

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ANSWER KEY:

- I. a <u>PRESENT</u> reality

 1. a <u>SOUND</u>
 2. an <u>APPEARANCE</u>
 3. an <u>ENCOUNTER</u>

 II. a <u>PERSONAL</u> reality

 III. <u>PROVOKES A RESPONSE</u>
 - 1. AMAZEMENT2. GREAT PERPLEXITY3. MOCKING

Point: GOD IS HERE, AND WITH GOD'S HELP YOU CAN LIVE IT OUT.