

## Catch The Fire: Birth, Wind, & Fire

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How did the birth of the church become a world-wide movement with over 2.3 billion adherents? How did Christianity turn into the world's largest religion with about 1/3 of the world's people identifying with being a Christian? The birth of Christianity has something to do with wind and fire—and a lot more. Have you caught the fire that God wants for you?

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1. The explanation for the power of God's people

is the \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 2:1-4

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit would come  
John 14:16-17,26; 16:13

2. The Spirit's arrival was accompanied by three \_\_\_\_\_

a. a strange \_\_\_\_\_ (like wind)  
John 20:22; Ezekiel 37:1-14

b. a strange \_\_\_\_\_ (tongues of fire)

i. Fire often has to do with judgment Matthew 3:11-12

ii. Fire often reveals the presence of God Exodus 3:2

iii. God led Israel out of slavery with a pillar of fire at night  
Exodus 13:21-22

iv. God accompanied the 10 commandments with fire  
Exodus 19:18-19; 24:17

v. The Spirit's fire can be put out 1 Thessalonians 5:19

c. strange \_\_\_\_\_ (various languages) Acts 2:5-11

i. tongues were recognizable \_\_\_\_\_ languages

ii. God's message is \_\_\_\_\_

iii. God \_\_\_\_\_ in ways people can understand

3. "What does this \_\_\_\_\_?" Acts 2:12-20

a. It's too early to be \_\_\_\_\_ 2:14-15

b. \_\_\_\_\_ is at work 2:16-20

i. God is accompanying His message  
with various \_\_\_\_\_ 2:19-20

ii. It was \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of years previously 2:16

iii. God is breaking down \_\_\_\_\_  
between people 2:17-20

iv. God is \_\_\_\_\_ through various means 2:17-20

4. The key is not the signs but the \_\_\_\_\_ God's Spirit brings

And \_\_\_\_\_ who calls on the name  
of the Lord will be saved.' Acts 2:21

5. Without the Holy Spirit, the Christian life is \_\_\_\_\_