

The Unstoppable Gospel
2. The Power for Mission (Acts 2v1-13)

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Introduction

- *The power that we need...*
- **Two lessons** from the Day of Pentecost:

The FACTS of Pentecost (v1-4)

- The coming of the Spirit
 - What they *heard*
 - What they *saw*
- Two dangers (c.f. Rom. 8v9, 1 Cor. 12v13)

The PURPOSE of Pentecost (v4-13)

- Universal (c.f. Acts 2v17-18)
- Personal (v3)
- Powerful

Conclusion

- Our **response** to the Spirit?

Acts 2v1-13 (NIV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."