

Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-4
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of the events of Acts 2.

- Intro:
1. There are many ideas about the prophecies of the old testament.
 2. There are also many ideas about the church and the kingdom.
 3. Today we will look at the prophecies about the church and the events of Acts 2.

I. Events Prior to the Day

A. Prophecies about the Church

1. **Isaiah 2:2-3**

- a. The Lord's church is above all over "groups" – "exalted above the hills"
- b. All nations (all people can gain access) to the Lord's church
- c. v.3a – many will go to the "house of the God of Jacob" the God of the Bible.
- d. v.3b – The old testament law came out of Zion, the word of the Lord (the N.T. law) begin being preached at Jerusalem.

2. **Daniel 2:28-35;44-45** Nebuchadnezzar's dream

- a. Daniel foretells of a coming kingdom (v.28-35)
- b. The kingdom referenced here must be the church which will "never be destroyed".

3. **Joel 2:28-32**

- a. Joel said these things would come to pass in the "latter days"

B. What John the Baptizer and Christ taught.

1. **Matthew 3:1-3** – **John the Baptizer's** statement

- a. John the Baptizer came prophesying about the coming kingdom.
- b. His actions were also a fulfillment of prophecy (v.3a, Isaiah 40:3)

2. **Matthew 16:18** – **Christ's proclamation** of building His Church.

- a. Christ prophesied that he would build a church, one church.
- b. Acts 2 is a fulfillment of the beginning of the church.
- c. The church and the kingdom are the same-remember!
(Mt 16:18-19; church/kingdom)

II. The Day of Pentecost

A. The Who & What

1. Who received the Holy Spirit? (**Acts 1:24-2:4**)
2. What they received- the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:4-8, John 16:13-15**).

B. Peter's Sermon

1. Peter's sermon brought to remembrance what was spoken in the past
(**Acts 2:14-16, Joel 2:28-32**)
2. Peter's message was for people to join the church that belonged to Christ.
 - a. Obeying the gospel placed them and us today in the church
(**Acts 2:37-38, Gal 3:27**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. What that day means to us.

1. It means the church, the kingdom exists today (**Mt 16:18-19**)
2. The Kingdom and the church are the same thing (**Mt 3:2,4:17**).

B. What that day means to Truth.

1. It means the church that Jesus began (**Mt 16:18**), is THE church.
2. The Old Testament tells of the church coming, Christ only established one church, therefore the absence of other “churches” tells us there is only one (**Gal 1:6-10**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. The church was prophesied, established and exists today.
2. Now, we must do what is necessary to join the church that Christ established.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9