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part two

What was the coming of the Holy Spirit like?

¹On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³Then, what looked like

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flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

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• The sign of **wind**.

² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:2 NLT

• The sign of **fire**.

³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

Acts 2:3 NLT

Many times in scripture, fire represents the **presence** of

God.

What does this special **closeness** of God mean?

¹⁶ After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

Matthew 3:16–17 NLT

The Holy Spirit gives us the ultimate confidence that we have been adopted into the family of God and that we are dearly loved.

¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

Romans 8:16 NLT

• The sign of **tongues**.

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 The Spirit gave them this ability. "And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!"

Acts 4:11b NLT

The first time the gospel is shared on the Day of Pentecost it was proclaimed to **all** people in their own **language**. ⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day about 3,000 in all.

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How did the believers **respond** to the coming of the Holy Spirit?

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⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

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Synonyms for **devoted**: faithful, constant, loyal, devout

• They devoted themselves to **scripture**.

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The results of their **devotion**.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.45 They sold their property and possessions and

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The results of their **devotion**.

shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

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There were salvations daily.