

Acts:
First Things First!

Acts 1:8,

I. First encounter with the Holy Spirit of God at Pentacost! (vs 1-6)

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were ^kconfounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

II. The First sermon preached at Pentecost:

Vs. 22-23; 32-33; 36, Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and ^xwonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. ³³Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that

same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

vs. 24, Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

vs. 37, Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

vs. 38-40, Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. ⁴⁰And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

III. The First Church is formed! (vs. 41-42)

vs. 41, Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

IV. How does this apply to me and EBC?

- A. Believe the Gospel!
- B. Get baptized!
- C. Discover how to Join the EBC family!