Holy Spirit Power!

Acts 2:1-13
Main Idea: The Holy Spirit empowers you to fulfill God’s mission in the world.
“Missions [Gospel Proclamation] is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t.”
When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.
And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians--we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."
Pentecost in Three Layers

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God endowed mankind with authority to exercise dominion across the world for his glory (Gen 1:28; 9:7). Babel represents rebellion against this charge.
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3. Pentecost accomplishes what Israel failed to accomplish.
Proclaiming the gospel reverses the *division & rebellion* of Babel.

- Gospel breaks down cultural barriers.
- Gospel breaks down ‘wall of hostility’.
- Gospel unifies in spite of differences.
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The Church continues the mission of Christ: *Make Disciples.*
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   B. Response: unity & prayer.
      i. “with one accord … devoting themselves to prayer” (v. 1:14).
      ii. “All together in one place” (v. 2:1).

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C. Step out on faith.
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