

# 2010 ... To Love, Serve, and Share!

## *The New Community*

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### **The Theme of the Book of Acts –**

<sup>8</sup> *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* **Acts 1:8 NLT**

### **The Setting (A Week Later) –**

<sup>1</sup> *On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.* <sup>2</sup> *Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.* <sup>3</sup> *Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.* <sup>4</sup> *And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.* **Acts 2:1-4 NLT**

### **The Message (Peter Preaches to the Crowd) –**

<sup>14</sup> *Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! ...”* <sup>21</sup> *“But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* <sup>22</sup> *“People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know.* <sup>23</sup> *But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him.* <sup>24</sup> *But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.”* **Acts 2:14, 21-24 NLT** →

<sup>32</sup> *“God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.* <sup>33</sup> *Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. ...”* <sup>36</sup> *“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”* **Acts 2:32-33, 36 NLT**

### **The Common Response –**

<sup>37</sup> *Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”* <sup>38</sup> *Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.* <sup>39</sup> *This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”* <sup>40</sup> *Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”* <sup>41</sup> *Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.* **Acts 2:37-41 NLT**

### **The New Community -**

<sup>42</sup> *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.* <sup>43</sup> *A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.* <sup>44</sup> *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.* <sup>45</sup> *They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.* <sup>46</sup> *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—<sup>47</sup> 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.* **Acts 2:42-47 NLT**