



Pentecost | [Acts 2:1-4](#)

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Live as ONE

We are all in a period of intense waiting right now. Waiting for COVID to be over. Waiting to know when our favorite store will open up again. Waiting to hear when we can go back to our old lives. What is causing you the most anxiety or stress as you wait?

What specifically are you most looking forward to on the other side of COVID?

Live by the WORD

Read [Acts 2:1-12](#).

Many of us are familiar with this story. Is there anything new that stood out to you hearing it this time? (If not, go back and slowly read through the passage again.)

What do you imagine it would have been like for the disciples waiting during those 10 days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost?

Read [Genesis 11:1-9](#).

What similarities and differences between these two stories do you notice?

Do you think there is any significance in the parallels of these two stories? If so, what is the significance?

Pentecost was the Jewish Feast of the Harvest. The Holy Spirit could have come anytime in the 10 days between Jesus' ascension and the Feast of Pentecost.

Do you suppose the Holy Spirit just happened to come at this feast? If not, what might be the significance of the Spirit's arrival at this time?

Live as SENT

Pentecost became the birthday for God's new humanity, modeled after Jesus: The Church. On this day we see a reversal of the events in Genesis 11 at the Tower of Babel. We also see God's intention that this new humanity be a multi-ethnic harvest.¹

Take a moment to stop and consider the power of the Holy Spirit to unify demonstrated in our text today. Consider also the gloriously diverse Kingdom that Jesus has promised upon His return. What feelings or emotions are stirred within you?

We are blessed to live in an increasingly-diverse community here in NW Arkansas. As you consider the unique place that God has placed you, how can you join the Spirit in what He is doing here and now in our community? If you aren't sure how, would you be willing to ask the Spirit to show you?

PLEASE READ: Our heart is not to create cheap diversity or to check some box, having "x" number of friends of a different ethnicity. Our heart is the heart of Jesus: a true, deep, unity of His Church that bridges racial, ethnic, and cultural divides and causes the world around us to be "amazed and astonished."² All to the glory of the Father.

¹ see [Revelation 7:9](#)

² [Acts 2:12](#)

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