Receiving	the	Holy	Spirit
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Today is (also) Pentecost

Birthday of the Church

Why?

Because of the gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-13

We've read the story

It sound incredible

Speaking of miracalous events

Show and speak to Jean Retout II Painting

Divided tongues of fire

All speaking in other languages

No wonder people thought they were drunk

As that seems the first reaction if we cannot understand something

Peter then continues to explain the meaning of this event

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

At Pentecost the disciples

Spirit
Jesus was baptised by the Holy Spirit
When he was baptised by John the Baptist
He came up out of the water
And the Spirit descended on him like a dove
Only after that he began to teach and to heal and perform miracles
Disciples were baptised by the Holy Spirit
The Spirit descended on them like flames of fire
For what: so that they could spread the gospel
Peter preached his first sermon!
And three thousand became believers
The miracle hear is that all are understood
But it is the first empowering
As we see the disciples in Acts continue to preach, proclaim, heal and drive out demons
In fact the same as what Jesus did!
Tell you a secret?

This still happens today to

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Christians

And this still can happen to you if you want it!

And it is not a secret:

Acts 2:17-18 (Slide)

17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will pour out by Spirit on **all** people

It is not a secret, because Jesus wants all to receive his Spirit

It may not be well known as as human beings we really do not want this to happen to us

We prefer to keep our dignity and control

We do not want to be fools for Jesus

But unless we give our control to Jesus - how can we be his disciples?

My testimony of being filled with the Spirit for the first time

The Works of The Holy Spirit (Slide)

New Life

We - Koinonia

Sanctification

Empowerment

This is what I would like us to pray for

But let us sing first

Praying for receiving (Slides)

Thirst

Expect

Repent

Ask

Surrender

Receive

Obey