

Sermon #2

"When the Holy Spirit Comes to Church"

Acts 2

Introduction :I recently told some of you about a website entitled "Red Letter Days." It was created in 1989, "Red Letter Days," a business in England, offers more than 300 experiences as "unforgettable gifts and experiences."

You name it and there is a great probability that "Red Letter Days" can provide that "Red Letter Day" for you. These unforgettable experiences can cost you anywhere from 49 pounds for the blue experience to 1000 pounds for the gold experience.

The day of Pentecost, in Acts 2, is without a doubt a "**Red Letter Day**" in Christianity. It is a day unlike any other day in history. It is a once-for-all event that will NEVER be repeated. We need not expect another Pentecost any more than we would expect another Calvary. James A. Stewart put it well, "*God's calendar has in it 2 unforgettable days: the day when the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world laid down His life as the world's Savior; and, the day when the ascended Lord bestowed upon the church the gift of the Holy Spirit.*"

The early church had none of the things that seem so essential for success today. They did not have big buildings, big budgets or big business. They did not have a lot of money in their bank accounts, political influences or social status. Yet, the church won multitudes to Christ and saw many churches established. Why? They were a people on fire by the Spirit of God.

But, when you put Spirit in control you have a church like the early church, and a **Church The Way It's Supposed To Be**. Let's take a look at this Red Letter Day and see what happens when the Holy Spirit comes to church.

Outline

1. He Takes Control!

A) *What Authority the Spirit Demanded*

B) *What Clarity the Spirit Delivered*

2. He Brings Conviction!

A) *Through the Preaching of the Word*

B) *Through the Persuasion of the Word*

3. He Requires Commitment!

A) *Lordship*

B) *Stewardship*

C) *Fellowship*

