

## **The Church Aflame (2)**

*Acts 2:1-13*

It is important that we mark with some precision the events that occurred on this memorable Day of Pentecost. While the 120 believer's were engaged in prayer, a sudden rushing sound was heard like that which accompanies an earthquake. It swept through the room and filled it with a new and inspiring atmosphere. This wind was followed by a central flame of fire that came apart and settled upon each believer's head. These mystic symbols soon passed but they left the disciples with a conscious sense of God's presence and power in their lives. A new dynamic force, the Holy Spirit, moved men and women beyond themselves and inspired each of them to communicate the "*wondrous works of God*" in a miraculous way. The immediate impact of the outpouring of God's Spirit was that many witnesses in the city heard the message of God's power and mercy expressed in Christ. The mighty Breath of God had filled the believers with the Divine Presence and Power of God to continue the work of Jesus Christ on earth. As Peter steps forward in this new Power and shares a message of Christ and His salvation, 3,000 people bow their knee to Jesus Christ as Lord. May the Lord set our hearts aflame with this same Holy Spirit that we, too, can share the powerful message of life-change in Jesus Christ.

### ***The Holy Spirit at work...***

#### ***(1) A Mighty Rushing Wind***

#### ***(2) Divided Tongues of Fire***

#### ***(3) New (other) Tongues (Languages)***