

Shaking, groaning, falling over?

Acts 2

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When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ...”

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose.

It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...”

Acts 2:1-8, 12-17a



The Holy Spirit arrives



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1. Is it legitimate?

2. Why does it happen?

3. How should we respond?

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Daniel 10:8 helpless, falls asleep

Revelation 1:17 fell as though dead

Jeremiah 23:9 bones tremble, I am
like a drunken man

Exodus 34:29

face shining

Acts 9:4

fell to the ground

Acts 2:13

considered drunk

1. Is it legitimate?

Just for Bible times?

1739

Fetter Lane, London

1739

“the power of God came mightily upon us insomuch that many cried out for exceeding joy and many fell to the ground”

Journal of John Wesley

1801

Kentucky

1801

“I have seen more than five hundred persons jerking at one time in my large congregations.”

Edited by Strickland (1859), Autobiography of Peter Cartwright, p48

1904

Wales

1904

“People were overpowered by the Spirit as on the day of Pentecost, and were counted as drunken men.”

Grubb (1952) ‘Rees Howells: Intercessor’, p32

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Let's be cautious about being
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Let it provoke you...