

1 Universal Charger

Acts 2:1-21

2 Scripture

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.

3 Scripture

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 them speaking in his own language.

Utterly amazed, they asked:

“Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?

Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

4 Scripture

Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!

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.”

5 Scripture

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 men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

6 Scripture

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.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

7 Scripture

Peter continues to quote Joel:

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and

billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

8 Introduction

I don't know if you know this or not . . . but,

Tesla. Chevy. Nissan. Porsche. Audi. VW.

And a dozen major car-makers are now building electric vehicles, and the market is expected to grow.

But there's a problem: The charging ports are all over the cars.

When you go to a gas station to fill up your gas-powered car, you can be pretty sure that you will pump gas into the tank from the side of the car, near the rear.

9 Introduction

But where do you put the charger into your electric car?

Could be the front.

Or the back.

Or one of the sides.

It is all very confusing.

And I don't think I can take it any more!

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11 Introduction

In Korea, the car-maker Hyundai recently embarked on a project of building public charging stations in Seoul, and they wanted to accommodate as many car brands as possible.

According to Fast Company magazine, they tapped the consulting firm McKinsey to design a universal charger that would easily work with any electric car.

12 Introduction

The result was the "Hyundai Hi-Charger," and you'll never guess what inspired its design.

"Self-serve car washes," says a partner at McKinsey.

"They have the sprayer hanging down from the top and it kind of rotates around."

13 Introduction

Same with the Hyundai Hi-Charger.

It has a beacon, featuring a glowing halo.

The halo rotates and drops the charging cable in just the right spot, depending on the make and model of your electric car.

Thus making it a universal charger, which works on both domestic and foreign vehicles.

14 Pentecost

When the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven congregated in Jerusalem.

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and many other nations as well.

In other words, there were lots of brands and more variety than what you find today in electric cars.

15 Pentecost

They had come together to celebrate the Feast of Weeks, which was focused on God's gift of the law to the Israelites.

Now they were going to receive the Promise of the Father who would empower them with grace and power to know God's will and ways, and be a powerful witness that God was beginning to fulfill His promise to Israel and to all nations.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." (Acts 1:4 NIV)

"For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:5 NIV)

16 Pentecost

As some of you know, when the gift of the Father was poured out, there were those who totally misinterpreted what was happening.

In response to this Peter gets up and gives one of the greatest speeches in the history of the church.

He tells the crowd that what they're witnessing is not people who are drunk, but God starting to fulfill His promise to Israel to restore all things.

17 Pentecost

Quoting the Prophet Joel, Peter says,

'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.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

18 Pentecost

Continuing,

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and

the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

[before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. (Joel 2:31 NIV)]

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

19 Pentecost

Linking this to Jesus' resurrection and the people's guilt of Jesus' death the crowd goes crazy.

They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37 NIV)

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. (Acts 2:38 NIV)

And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:39 NIV)

20 Pentecost

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." (Acts 2:40 NIV)

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:41 NIV)

21 Summary

The Day of Pentecost is when the promise of the Father and the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), which commemorates the giving of the Law of Moses, was fulfilled.

Now, the Law of God's will and ways is going to be written on people's hearts and no longer on tablets of stone.

Also, as prophesied by Joel, no longer will there be special elites who possess the Spirit, but everyone will from the top down will possess prophetic or ecstatic manifestations.

Moreover, it is the beginning act of God fulfilling his promise to Israel to bring restoration and unification to the nation.

It is the signal and call for everyone to get right with God, because He is about to destroy all his enemies and the enemies of His people.

22 Summary

So how then do I get connected to this all important power source that can revolutionize one's spiritual life? Or in other words, how do I get plugged in?

Repent and make Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior!

Submit to Water Baptism (Public Confession).

Pray and Receive (Laying on of Hands)

Walk in Victory and pray in the Spirit on all occasions.

Run the Race of Perseverance.

23 Summary

An interesting thing about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is that you can be a believer for years and never experience or know about it.

The Apostle Paul on one of his mission's trips met believers who knew nothing about the Holy Spirit.

He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." (Acts 19:2 NIV)

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. (Acts 19:6–7 NIV)

24 Keys to Receiving

Make it a priority!

Initiate the prayer contact.

Use what you have and more will be given.

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 1:20 NIV)

Step up and discover your spiritual gift or any other ministry God has given you to use in the church.

Be faithful to what God has done in you.

25 Conclusion

The power source that comes from God is the Holy Spirit.

So then, what is the spiritual universal adapter that works with all ethnic groups, nations, and people of all kinds and type?.

It is that which . . .

changes lives,

works all miracles, and

moves all mountains.

It is the act of faith!