



## Acts Outpourings Comparison Chart

### JERUSALEM • SAMARIA • CORNELIUS

The book of Acts records three significant outpourings of the Holy Spirit as the Gospel moved from Israel to the nations. Each event had a distinct context, demonstration, and purpose in God's unfolding plan.

#### KEY VERSES

##### Acts 2:1-4

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

##### Acts 2:5-11

"Everyone heard them speaking in their own language about the mighty works of God."

##### Acts 8:17

"Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

##### Acts 10:44-46

"While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles."

#### KEY TRUTHS

- The Holy Spirit empowers God's people for His mission.
- God's plan always moves outward to include more people in His grace.
- Salvation is for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord.
- Jews and Gentiles are one in Christ (Eph. 2:14-16).
- The same Spirit, the same Gospel, the same Lord.

#### RELATED RESOURCES

- Articles**  
See related RC1 articles online.
- Visual Theology**  
View the Acts Outpourings Diagram.
- Workbook**  
Complete the RC1 study guide.
- Glossary**  
See: Holy Spirit, Tongues, Pentecost, Samaria, Cornelius.



#### JERUSALEM

##### ACTS 2

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| <b>CONTEXT</b>       | Feast of Pentecost. The disciples were gathered together in one place.   |
| <b>WHO RECEIVED?</b> | The disciples (about 120) — Jews from many regions.  |
| <b>MANIFESTATION</b> | Sound like a mighty rushing wind; tongues of fire; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (Acts 2:1-4). |
| <b>LANGUAGES</b>     | Known human languages (Acts 2:5-11).   |
| <b>PURPOSE</b>       | A public sign to Israel that Jesus is the Messiah and inauguration of the Church.  |
| <b>RESULT</b>        | ~3,000 were baptized (Acts 2:41). The Church was born.   |
| <b>KEY VERSE</b>     | Acts 2:1-11<br>"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues..."  |



#### SAMARIA

##### ACTS 8:14-17

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| <b>CONTEXT</b>       | Philip preached Christ in Samaria and many believed.                                  |
| <b>WHO RECEIVED?</b> | Believers in Samaria (Jews and Samaritans).   |
| <b>MANIFESTATION</b> | The apostles laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17).       |
| <b>LANGUAGES</b>     | No speaking in tongues recorded.  |
| <b>PURPOSE</b>       | To confirm and validate the Gospel's expansion beyond Jerusalem into Samaria.         |
| <b>RESULT</b>        | The new believers received the Holy Spirit and were strengthened.                     |
| <b>KEY VERSE</b>     | Acts 8:17<br>"Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." |



#### CORNELIUS' HOUSE

##### ACTS 10:44-48

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| <b>CONTEXT</b>       | Peter preached the Gospel in the home of Cornelius, a Gentile centurion.                                 |
| <b>WHO RECEIVED?</b> | Gentiles (Cornelius and his household).  |
| <b>MANIFESTATION</b> | The Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the Word; they spoke in tongues and magnified God (Acts 10:44-46). |
| <b>LANGUAGES</b>     | Tongues spoken, but not identified as human languages (Acts 10:46).                                      |
| <b>PURPOSE</b>       | To demonstrate that Gentiles are equally included in the Gospel by grace through faith.                  |
| <b>RESULT</b>        | They were baptized in water; Peter commanded them to be baptized in Jesus' name.                         |
| <b>KEY VERSE</b>     | Acts 10:45<br>"And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed..."      |

#### QUICK COMPARISON

| ASPECT               | JERUSALEM (ACTS 2)                         | SAMARIA (ACTS 8)                         | CORNELIUS' HOUSE (ACTS 10)                       |
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| <b>Location</b>      | Jerusalem                                  | Samaria                                  | Caesarea (Gentile home)                          |
| <b>Recipients</b>    | Jews (disciples)                           | Believers in Samaria                     | Gentiles   |
| <b>Manifestation</b> | Wind, fire, tongues                        | Laying on of hands; Holy Spirit received | Holy Spirit fell; tongues                        |
| <b>Languages</b>     | Known human languages                      | None recorded                            | Tongues (not identified as human languages)      |
| <b>Purpose</b>       | Inauguration of the Church; sign to Israel | Expansion to Samaria; confirmation       | Inclusion of Gentiles; equal by grace            |
| <b>Result</b>        | ~3,000 baptized; Church born               | Believers strengthened and confirmed     | Baptized in Jesus' name; Gospel goes to Gentiles |



#### THE BOTTOM LINE

These three outpourings show God's intentional progression of the Gospel: from Israel (Jerusalem) to the regions (Samaria) to the nations (Cornelius' house). Each event confirms that the Holy Spirit empowers God's people for His mission and that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.



#### TEACHER NOTE

Use this chart to help learners see the broader biblical expansion. Emphasize God's sovereignty, the unity of the Spirit, and the equality of all believers in Christ.