

THE CHURCH: RACE, RACES, & RACISM

1. The Beginning of the Church

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them **cloven tongues** (διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι) **like as** of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began **to speak with other tongues** (λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις), as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak **in his own language** (τῇ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ).

Acts 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

Acts 2:8 And how hear we every man **in our own tongue** (τῇ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν), **wherein we were born** (ἐν ᾗ ἐγεννήθημεν)?

Acts 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Acts 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Acts 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak **in our tongues** (ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις) the wonderful works of God.

Acts 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Acts 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

Acts 2:7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

Acts 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

Acts 2:9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Acts 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

Acts 2:11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Acts 2:12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

Acts 2:13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

2. The End of the Church

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every **kindred** (φυλῆς), and **tongue** (γλώσσης), and **people** (λαοῦ), and **nation** (ἔθνους);

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all **nations** (ἔθνους), and **kindreds** (φυλῶν), and **people** (λαῶν), and **tongues**

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

Revelation 5:10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the

(**γλωσσῶν**), stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
Revelation 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
Revelation 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
Revelation 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
Revelation 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
Revelation 21:24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,
Revelation 21:26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

3. The Mission of the Church

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations (**πάντα τὰ ἔθνη**), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Matthew 28:20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Matthew 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:15 And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Luke 24:47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

4. The Vision of the Church

Colossians 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam (**ἐν τῷ Ἀδᾶμ**) all die, even so in Christ (**ἐν τῷ χριστῷ**) shall all be made alive.

Colossians 3:11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

5. The Leadership of One Church

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. **Acts 13:3** And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. **Acts 13:4** So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” **Acts 13:3** Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. **Acts 13:4** So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.