

YOUTH MATTERS

Who Said It?

- 1. "Who are you, Lord?" _____ Stephen
- 2. "Lord, receive my spirit." _____ Peter
- 3. "I would like to hear this man myself." _____ Saul
- 4. "These men are not drunk, as you suppose." _____ Agrippa

(Acts 2:15; 7:59; 9:5; 25:22: NIV84)

Pressing on Toward the Goal

Find the **bold** words in the puzzle and draw lines around them. The passage is from Acts 2:1-11 (NIV84).

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 of them **heard** them **speaking** in his own language. Utterly **amazed**, they **asked**: "Are not all those men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthian, 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!**"

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

Apparently these believers were assembled in some part of the temple in Jerusalem, observing the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus. Like the fire and wind on Mount Sinai at the giving of the Law of Moses centuries before, the birth of the church was accompanied by simulated fire and wind, And the miracle of each individual hearing the apostles' teaching in his or her own language must have emphasized that the church is for all people of all races.

P E N T E C O S T I R I P S
A G V I S I T O R S Z E T P
M Y Q T O N G U E S C A L E
P P O N T U S N Y A Y X I A
H T N E M R E D L I W E B K
Y O W O F B P P N G H D Y I
L G D R I J A G E I S E A N
I E E E L T R V D Y W C N G
A T L S L K A N D E E L V N
M H B T E W T N U Q J A F I
A E A H D D E K S A E R E W
Z R N E L V D N Z X O I W O
E J E R U S A L E M Q N V L
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