

THE CHURCH: ITS LIFE AND WORK

Acts 2: 37-47; I Thessalonians 5: 11-15



Jesus had gone to live in heaven. He had left his disciples only ten days before. And now Peter and Jesus' other disciples were gathered together in an upper room, praying.

Suddenly, as they prayed, a sound like a rushing, mighty wind swept through the house. Then a beautiful light like a flame of fire came and rested on each disciple's head. It was God's Holy Spirit.

As the beautiful light rested upon them, a wonderful change came to the disciples' hearts. They became braver and wiser and truer.

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Meanwhile people outside had heard the sound like a mighty, rushing wind. They stopped and listened. Then they crowded around the house.

Peter, Jesus' disciple, stood up and spoke to them. He told them about Jesus. And