

Connected

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We live in an internet-based world. Everyone and everything seems to be connected to the World Wide Web. When the internet drops, things just won't work the same anymore. There is a connection that will change your life forever. This connection was lost but is fully available again. Once connected, it will truly transform everything!

Discover how to get connected, and stay connected...
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Scriptures – All Scriptures New Living Translation

Acts 2:1-13

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

Genesis 11:1-7

At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. ² As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.

³ They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world."

⁵ But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ "Look!" he said. "The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! ⁷ Come, let's go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other."

Psalms 89:20-29

²⁰ I have found my servant David. I have anointed him with my holy oil.

²¹ I will steady him with my hand; with my powerful arm I will make him strong.

²² His enemies will not defeat him, nor will the wicked overpower him.

²³ I will beat down his adversaries before him and destroy those who hate him.

²⁴ My faithfulness and unfailing love will be with him, and by my authority he will grow in power.

²⁵ I will extend his rule over the sea, his dominion over the rivers.

²⁶ And he will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

²⁷ I will make him my firstborn son, the mightiest king on earth.

²⁸ I will love him and be kind to him forever; my covenant with him will never end.

²⁹ I will preserve an heir for him; his throne will be as endless as the days of heaven.

Main Points

1. The Importance of Connection
2. Breaking the Curse of Communication
3. God Connected His *Super* to Our *Natural* Resulting in the *Supernatural*

Digger Deeper - Discussion Questions

Revelation

- Describe the highlights of what happened on the Day of Pentecost? (Acts 2:1-13)
- What are the parallels between Genesis 11:1-7 and Acts 2:1-13?

Interpretation

- How did the enemy break the lines of communication starting with Adam and Eve?
- How do we break the curse of broken communication?

Application

- Are you *fully* connected with God by breaking the curse of broken communication?
- Are you *shining* in the world by being *plugged into* the power source of the *Holy Spirit*?
- Do you have the *fulness of the Holy Spirit* with the evidence of *praying in the Spirit*?

Quotable Quotes:

- When the connection is lost, chaos follows.
- We can have an eternal connection with God right now, forever.
- The enemy wants to trick us into looking at what we *don't* have instead of the many blessings we *do have* in Christ.
- Two ways communication can be broken;
 - We don't have the right information.
 - We don't know what to do with the information we have.