

LifeGroup Questions

Based on: Genesis 2:7 & Acts 2:1-3

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Overview

Bible Study: Genesis Acts

Genesis 1 describes all of creation. God spoke and galaxies were born. Just from His words land, water, the sun, and moon were all created. He spoke into existence all the creatures of the world, all birds of the air, all the wild beasts of the land and all the fish in the oceans. This is how everything came into existence, except for mankind.

After creating everything, God took the time to slow down and specifically form man. Genesis 2:7 reads: "Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Man wasn't just spoken into existence but God specifically formed man in His own image out of the dust of the ground. There was Adam lying there on the ground completely lifeless, but still in God's image.

It wasn't until God breathed into Adam that he came to life. It says that God breathed into his nostrils. This requires being directly in front of Adam's face. After receiving the breath of life Adam would have opened his eyes and his very first sight would have been the face of his creator. Nowhere else, in all of the creation story, do we read about such an intimate interaction with God.

The "breath of life" is written in Hebrew as ruach. This word can be translated as wind, breath, or spirit. No matter the specific translation, God imparted life into man. We see this happening again in Acts 2. This is the day of Pentecost. The disciples were all scared and hiding out in a room. They had no idea of what was going to happen to them. It was then that a mighty ruach (wind) came rushing into the room and filled each one of them. They went from scared disciples to proclaimers of God's word. It wasn't until they were filled with God's Spirit that they came to truly know Him. It was through the Spirit they went from knowing about God to knowing God. Fellowship with God comes through His Spirit.

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1. Why do you think God took the time to form Adam instead of just speaking him into existence? What significance is there in God breathing life into Adam?

2. Read John 6:44. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us to God. We don't naturally pursue God. It is God who pursues us. If an unbeliever tells you they have been thinking about God and what it means to believe, how can you use this verse to encourage them?
3. Read Acts 2:1-3. Think back over the Gospels. How did the empowering of the Holy Spirit change the twelve disciples in the book of Acts?
4. What does it mean to have fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
5. Read Philippians 2:1-2. How does the Holy Spirit create unity in the church?
6. Read Romans 8:26-27. Have you ever felt the Spirit help you pray? What role does silence have in seeking help from the Spirit in prayer?