**Psalter:** 428:1,10 - 362:1,3 - 238:1,2,3 - 142:3,4 - 442:3,4,5. **Scripture**: Acts 2: 1-21

**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND GRACE**

**1. At God’s time**

* Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to the disciples (Acts 1:8); became matter of prayer (Acts 1:13-14).
* Disciples received a great commission(Mk. 16:15).
  + impossible task from their side.
  + Holy Spirit would equip them (Acts 1:5).
* Holy Spirit comes at the day of Pentecost. Divinely decreed.
  + Typologically
  + Practically
* Application
  + Blessing received upon observance of the Lord’s institutions.
  + It is a great privilege and blessing to have the means of grace, but we also need the Spirit of truth and grace to apply the word to our heart (cf. Rom. 5:10).

**2. With signs and wonders**

* It was necessary that the Holy Spirit came with audible and visible signs so that the disciples would know for certain that He had come.
* Audible sign
  + Extremely loud sound like if there was a violent storm.
  + God manifested forth His glory (cf. 1 Kings 19:11-12), power and majesty (cf. Deut. 5:22; Nah. 1:3).
  + This was a supernatural happening.
  + Appl: Salvation is always the one-sided work of God.
* Visible sign
  + Cloven tongues *like as of* fire on each of them.
  + They were baptized with fire, that is, with the Holy Ghost.
    - Fire purifies; gives light, gives energy and can consume things. So spiritually.
    - We cannot see the Holy Ghost, but can notice His work in conversion of sinners (Jn. 3:8)

**3. With a divine purpose**

* Divine purpose: that the gospel would be preached to all the nations of the earth.
* Unlearned men were endowed with the gift of speaking foreign languages.
  + Sovereign gift of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8-11).
  + To gather an elect world-wide church who shall be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.
* The Spirit’s work is to glorify Christ (Jn. 16:13-14; Acts 4:12).
  + Spiritually dead sinners are quickened.
  + Applies the Word irresistibly to the heart. (Canons of Dort III/IV, 12)
  + Uses men who are weak and fearful in themselves.
    - Bring a convicting word (cf. Ps. 51:4).
    - Bring the word of comfort (Jn. 16:13-14; Acts 2:38; 4:12).
* Holy Spirit can also raise you from your spiritual death. He is to be prayed for these things (Lk. 11:11-13).
* Do you walk by the Spirit? (Rom 8:12-14)