

## **Better Together**

### **OUR DNA**

As His followers, we have certain spiritual DNA.

*(Acts 2:1-13) When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech. There were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. When this sound occurred, the multitude came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and Proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - we hear them speaking in our own languages the magnificent acts of God." And they were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, "What could this be?" But some sneered and said, "They're full of new wine!"*

#### **1. CONGREGATION**

*(2:1) When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place."*

- A. The first church functioned together as a unit.
- B. The first church was enormously effective.
- C. As we function as a unit, we will be enormously effective.

#### **2. ANIMATION**

- A. The Holy Spirit is that which animated them.

*(2-4) Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.*

- B. The Holy Spirit is that which animates us also.

#### **3. DEDICATION**

*(5) There were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.*

- A. Are we absolutely dedicated to anything?
- B. People will lay down their lives for what they value.

#### **4. PERSECUTION**

*(13) But some sneered and said, "They're full of new wine!"*

- A. When we speak out for Christ – we invite persecution.
- B. Let's never stop speaking out for our Lord Jesus Christ.