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Luke 3:16

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Ephesians 1:13

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Romans 8:9

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a one-time event that occurs when we turn in faith to Christ as Savior.

- C. The tongues of fire symbolized the filling of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of _____ the _____.

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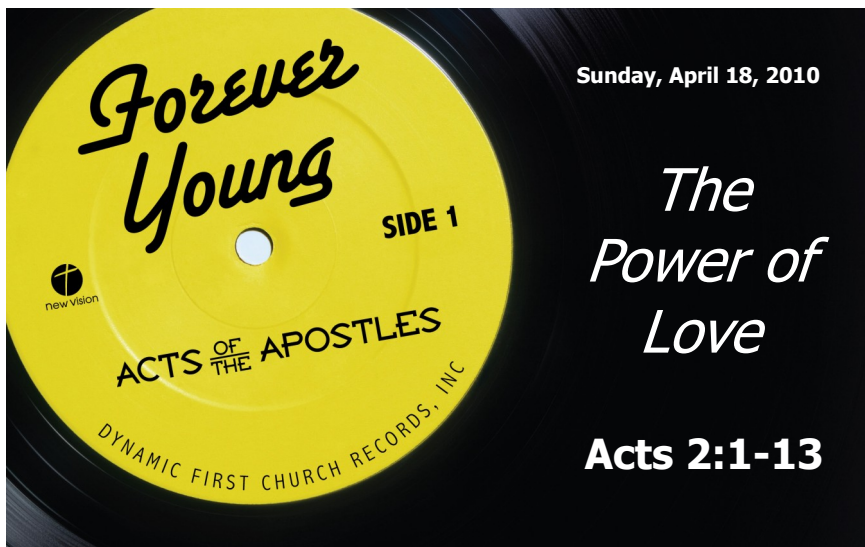
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- D. During the Pentecost celebration, the believers were given the gift of tongues to supernaturally speak _____ in an understandable way.

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- A. They were devoted to the _____.
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