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The historical significance is not that it's Pentecost but that this is the historical day the Lord decided to pour out His Spirit on all who believed.

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- A symbol of God's _____ . *Genesis 1:1-2; John 3:1-8*

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3. Speaking in other tongues. (v.4)

- A symbol of Gospel _____ & _____ .
- Pentecost is the _____ of Babel. *Genesis 11:1-9*

A few insights from this passage on speaking in tongues...

- This is a _____ in these believers. They didn't make this happen.
 - What they spoke wasn't some sort of unintelligible gibberish, but _____ .
"Glossolalia" translated 'tongues' here literally means languages.
 - The emphasis and _____ are not on the part of the ones who were speaking, but on those who were hearing. (v.5-6)
 - The point of the miraculous sign is the _____ of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not _____ itself. (v.5-13)
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A few insights from this passage on speaking in tongues...

- This is a work of God in these believers. They didn't make this happen.
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