

# **Pentecost Sunday 2018 - Holy Spirit**

## ***“Its time to get FILLED”***

On the day of Pentecost, God poured out His spirit on those gathered in the upper room. The sound filled the room, the fire sat upon individuals and eventually it impacted the streets. The Christian life cannot be achieved without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

***<sup>1</sup> When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)***

### **The feast of Pentecost or First Fruits**

- *The Feast of First Fruits [Lev 23:19-14 / and Pentecost [Lev 23:15-22]:*
  - *Fifty days after the Passover, Pentecost was observed.*
  - *The Israelites observed First Fruits during the feast of Unleavened Bread.*
  - *Time frame - Seven weeks after Passover – lasted seven days.*
- *The Israelites would bring the best of their flock and increase and sacrifice it to God [Prov. 3-5].*
- *Fifty days after the resurrection of Christ the Holy Spirit was poured out on all flesh and the church was born on Pentecost – [Acts 2].*
  - *In the NT this feast represents Christ’s Resurrection and those who believe in Him [1 Cor 15:20].*

### **UPPER ROOM - 6 Significant Events that Occurred**

1. *The last supper*

2. *Judas - The betrayer –is revealed*
3. *Jesus washes the disciples' feet*
4. *Initial pouring out of the Holy Spirit*
5. *Dorcas is raised from the dead – Acts 9:39*
6. *Paul preached until midnight – Eutychus is eventually raised form the dead by Paul – Acts 20:8*

## **The Upper Room scriptures**

***<sup>12</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?" <sup>13</sup> And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. <sup>14</sup> Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' <sup>15</sup> "Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us." (Mark 14:12-15 NKJV)***

***<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. (Acts 1:12-14 NIV)***

## **Observations of the text**

- 1) *Pentecostal churches are moving away from the gifts and manifestation of Holy Spirit - we need to redeem the gifts - especially the apostolic and the prophetic:*
  - a) *Holy Spirit brings order not chaos*
  - b) *He is NOT the "crazy family member" of the Trinity*

- 2) *“Fullness of the day” – when the day of Pentecost had fully come - the OT feast pointed to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit – this was the full and true completion of the event.*
- 3) *Who was present in the upper room?*
  - a) *The five-fold ministry was present in the upper room – including men and women*
  - b) *120 people were present when Holy Spirit was initially poured out - they waited 10 days.*
- 4) *Men and women.*
  - a) *No one in the entire NT ever asked – “is this a spirit filled church” - they were all Spirit filled*
- 5) *They filled the streets – after they were filled they spilled out*
- 6) *The in-filling was followed by fruit – they were changed and they changed and impacted others.*
- 7) *The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Christ that is poured out!*

## **Main Points**

***“Be Filled” – by virtue of His filling – something is always displaced***

1. **The room** - The Sound filled the “room” corporate anointing but the tongues of fire were individual
2. **The corporate anointing** – for all – they were gathered together...
  - a) *It is important who you are connected to*
  - b) *connections*

- c) *The Spirit was poured out because believers had gathered together*
- d) *There was a sound like wind – but the Spirit is not a wind*

### **3. The individual**

- a) *Fire – it was individual – tongues of fire sat upon each head of those that were present.*
  - a) Fire (sight and sound) – there were significant ...
  - b) *“It’s easier to speak on a tongue than to hold your own”*
- b) *Fire speaks of the refining work of Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.*

### **4. The street - Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature**

- a) They drew a crowd after pouring out into the streets where others had gathered for the feast.
- b) The essence of the spirit of **substitution** is but no one can go to all the world—we can only be in one place, and so each of us has to find out **where God wants us to be**. But that doesn’t remove us from **responsibility** in all the world. (Mark 16:15).
- c) They waited **eight years after Pentecost** before they were obedient to leave Jerusalem to bring the Gospel to the world.
- d) They touched people of various language and traditions – the people heard them speak in their own language and marveled at what they saw and heard.

<b>Three works of the Holy Spirit</b>	<b>Salvation</b>	<b>Holy Spirit Baptism</b>	<b>Filling of the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>The Experience</b>	Holy Spirit indwells person	Holy Spirit comes upon person	Constantly yielded to HS
<b>Texts</b>	Rom 8:9 <i>...have the Spirit of Christ</i>	Lk 3:16 <i>He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit</i>	Eph 5:18 <i>...be filled with the Spirit</i>
<b>Various names given to the experience</b>	Salvation Indwelling Born Again Baptism into the Body of Christ	Baptism in the Holy Spirit Endued with power Baptism of power	Filled with the Holy Spirit Sanctification Abiding
<b>Results</b>	Salvation gets you to heaven	Opens door to direct experience with God	Power begins flowing out

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*Jesus said that He would go away and send another Comforter (John 16:7), that the Holy Spirit was coming as a stand-in for Him. The Holy Spirit replicates that same role in the lives of people who open to His ministry.*

*Do you understand the significance of Pentecost? Most of us who don't attend a liturgical church sometimes miss the significance and beauty of seasons in church life. This coming weekend, we will collectively celebrate Pentecost—a time to acknowledge the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.*

*While there is an entire fascinating study one can do on the [liturgical calendar](#) and how different denominations observe different traditions, there are a couple things on which almost every Christian church can agree: Organizing the year according to Jesus's life, death, and resurrection is a helpful way to remind us what he has done, is doing, and promised to do for us. Some believers who observe the calendar find their spiritual progress closely aligns with the rhythm of this calendar.*

*Pentecost – a time to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit coming to earth and the birth of the church*

### ***Pentecost Is a Jewish Holy Day***

*Like so many of our Christian traditions, Pentecost has its origins in Judaism. The Feast of Pentecost, or the Festival of Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew, which means “weeks”), is one of the three main feasts celebrated in the Jewish year. Occurring 50 days after Passover, the feast is designed to offer God the first fruits of the new grain harvest.*

*According to Rev. Mark D. Roberts, Christians borrowed the word Pentecost from Greek-speaking Jews. “The English word ‘Pentecost’ is a transliteration of the Greek word pentekostos, which means ‘fifty.’ It comes from the ancient Christian expression pentekoste hemera, which means ‘fiftieth day,’” Rev. Roberts explains.*

### ***Pentecost Is a Celebration of a Significant Day for the Early Church***

*In Acts 2, we are told the story of Pentecost and the birth of the early church. Already gathered together in order to celebrate the feast, the Apostles heard a “mighty rushing” wind come from heaven and fill the house where they were assembled. Next they saw what appeared to be tongues of fire rest on each one of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages they did not know. The combination of the wind and the different languages being spoken drew a “multitude” who stood amazed as the apostles told them of the wonders of God, in their own native tongues.*

*Next, Peter gets up and explains what is happening in the context of Scripture. He recites a passage from the book of Joel which explains how God is going to send the Holy Spirit and pour it out on all flesh—men and women, Jews and Gentiles, old and young. Then he talks about Jesus, who recently died and rose again. Again using Scripture, the crowd would have been familiar with (passages from the Psalms of David), he shows how God’s word foretold Jesus’s coming to earth, his death, and his resurrection. About 3,000 people received Peter’s words and were baptized that day.*

*This speech of Peter’s is the first example we are given of an early-church sermon inviting others to join the Kingdom of God. While the Holy Spirit has shown up in times previous in the Old Testament and while Jesus walked the earth in human form, this is the first time we see the Holy Spirit dwell inside people. We are to assume that prior to this equipping of the Holy Spirit, a harvest of this magnitude would not have been possible. Pentecost is to remind us that the Holy Spirit supernaturally equips us to reach the lost.*

*Following the original intent of the feast of Pentecost, which was to offer to God the first-fruits of the harvest, the Apostles offered the first-fruits of their ministry that day. They would go on to lead many more to Christ—in other nations and among other tribes and tongues. Their work would not have been possible if it hadn’t been for the supernatural equipping of the Holy Spirit.*

### ***Pentecost Is a Season of Holy-Spirit Empowerment and Church Unity***

*A few things stick out about the day of Pentecost described in Acts 2.*

*The church was equipped with the Holy Spirit*

*The church was equipped to reach people from many traditions and languages*

*The Spirit fell when believers were gathered together*

*These three points remind us modern-day Christians that we need to be active, participating members of Christ's body. Imagine if you were a part of the group gathered "together in one place" (v. 1), but had decided to stay home that day. We are equipped when we are together! Additionally, it has been a part of the Church's DNA from day one to reach those of different tribes, tongues, and traditions. And finally, we can't do it without the supernatural equipping of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for his gift of the Spirit!*