

Pentecost Sunday!

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Psa 100:1 A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you land!

Psa 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Psa 100:3 Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Psa 100:4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name.

Psa 100:5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

Sharing and testimony time....

The Day of Pentecost

Read Acts Chapter 2...

Why is the Day of Pentecost so important? Let us see what Jesus said about that day.

Act 1:1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Act 1:2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

Act 1:3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Act 1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

Act 1:5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

After being with the Disciples for forty days, testifying to the glory of God and His plan of salvation, Jesus tells them as He's departing to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father, the baptizing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had to leave for this to happen.

Joh 16:5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'

Joh 16:6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Jesus tells us two interesting things here:

1) If He did not go away (return to Heaven) the Holy Spirit would not come.

2) HE is the one who would send the Holy Spirit to us.

The Father Promised the Holy Spirit would come, The Holy Spirit was ready, The Son sent Him.

What would He do when He got here?

Joh 16:8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

Joh 16:10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

Joh 16:11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Joh 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

Joh 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Joh 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Joh 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Joh 16:16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

Two active purposes.

1) Convict the sinner and call them to Jesus for Salvation!

2) Empower and Enlighten the believer to be witnesses!

One goal.

Joh 16:14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

The Holy Spirit did NOT come to be a circus act or a sideshow...

Nor did He come to glorify Himself or us!

Luke 24:13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

Luke 24:15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

Luke 24:16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

Luke 24:17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

Luke 24:18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

Luke 24:19 And He said to them, "What things?" So, they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

Luke 24:20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death and crucified Him.

Luke 24:21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

Luke 24:22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

Luke 24:23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

Luke 24:24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see."

Luke 24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

Luke 24:26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Luke 24:28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.

Luke 24:29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

Luke 24:30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them.

Luke 24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

Luke 24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

Luke 24:34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

Luke 24:35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Luke 24:36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

Luke 24:37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

Luke 24:38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Luke 24:39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

Luke 24:40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

Luke 24:41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

Luke 24:42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

Luke 24:43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

Luke 24:44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

Luke 24:45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Luke 24:46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

Luke 24:47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luke 24:48 And you are witnesses of these things.

Luke 24:49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

Just as Jesus witnessed to these disciples on the road to Emmaus, enlightening them in the Word, opening their eyes to the Scriptures (ALL of them!) concerning Himself, the Holy Spirit comes to open our eyes to the Scriptures concerning Jesus and empower us to continue the work that Jesus BEGAN.

Act 1:1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Jesus's work continues through His body, the Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, working according to the will of the Father.

Jesus is not done!

His redemptive work did not end with the Cross and Resurrection, it BEGAN there!

Everything He did leading up to the Cross and Resurrection were things ONLY HE could do!

Man had no part in it.

What He did (and continues to do) after the Day of Pentecost he involves us as His Body. It is still His work, His power, and for His glory, (He is the vine and we are the branches, and without Him we can do nothing...) but He uses us in His process.

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Eph 4:2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

Eph 4:3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

1Jn 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

1Jn 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

1Jn 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jn 5:6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness because the Spirit is truth.

1Jn 5:7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

1Jn 5:8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

The Day of Pentecost was not about Salvation:

Joh 20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Joh 20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Joh 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Joh 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

So, in short, the Day of Pentecost was the day the Church was born and ACTIVATED!

They were saved the day before, but they were not ready the day before!

What were the believers doing just before the coming of The Holy Spirit? Waiting and hiding....

What were they doing immediately afterwards? Preaching and witnessing!

Act 1:7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

Act 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

So, I would ask this congregation, both as a fellowship and as individuals; Has your Day of Pentecost fully come?

If you do not know how to answer that, ask yourselves "Am I a witness for Christ?"

There is a term "Closet Christian"; I keep my faith private. I prefer to let others see I am a good person.

That is not Biblical Christianity. We are to be WITNESSES!!!!

The Holy Spirit did not empower the 120 people in the upper room to stay there, or to keep Jesus to themselves, He empowered them to tell people!

They were speaking in known tongues- witnessing the Glory of God and His Christ.

Peter got up and PREACHED!

If you want to know what your gifting is and how to use it, start by spreading the news of Jesus! If we love Him and share Him, HE will guide and direct us in our various capacities and giftings, but not if we do not have the heart to be witnesses.

And that is why the Day of Pentecost was so important. On that day God birthed and empowered the Body of Christ to do the work of Christ.