



Pentecost

ACTS 2: 1-13



Last Week...

We talked about families.

Specifically, the myth of a “perfect” family.

Every family is different, and every family has its own troubles and successes.

We wondered if there should be commandments for parents...

We also came up with a few “commandments” we’d ask other teens to live by.

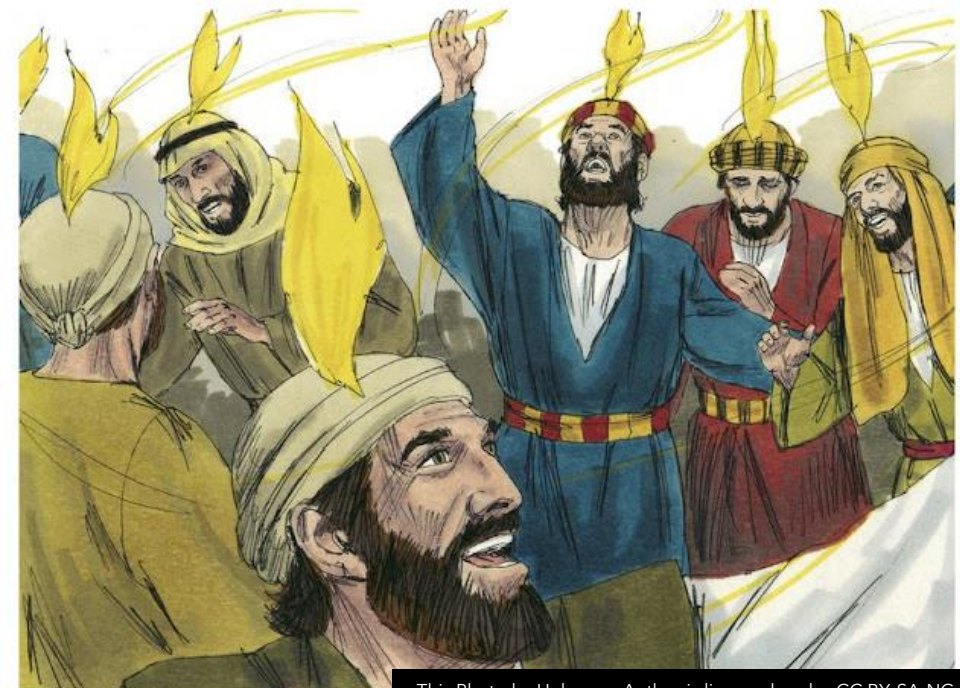
At the end of the day, no matter what we go through we have the victory in Christ. Our troubles comes to help us learn to endure.

Romans 5: 8 says: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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This week, we will talk about an event in the life of the church—*Pentecost*.



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Bottom Line:

WE EXPERIENCE
PENTECOST EVERY
DAY WHEN THE
SPIRIT LIVES IN US
AS CHRISTIANS.

Pentecost?

WHAT'S THAT?



Pentecost

What or Who is the Holy Spirit?

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/holy-spirit/>





Feast of Weeks/Pentecost:

Jewish pilgrim harvest festival that saw crowds flocking to Jerusalem to celebrate God's goodness towards them in the present harvest.

What does the Bible say?

Acts 2: 1-4 (CEV)

On the day of Pentecost^[a] all the Lord's followers were together in one place.

2 Suddenly there was a noise from heaven like the sound of a mighty wind! It filled the house where they were meeting.

3 Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there.

4 The Holy Spirit took control of everyone, and they began speaking whatever languages the Spirit let them speak.

What does the Bible say?

Acts 2: 5-8 (CEV)

Many religious Jews from every country in the world were living in Jerusalem.

6 And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. But they were surprised, because they were hearing everything in their own languages.

7 They were excited and amazed, and said: Don't all these who are speaking come from Galilee?

8 Then why do we hear them speaking our very own languages?

What does the Bible say?

Acts 2: 9-11 (CEV)

9 Some of us are from Parthia, Media, and Elam. Others are from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,

10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, Rome,

11 Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others of us have chosen to be Jews. Yet we all hear them using our own languages to tell the wonderful things God has done.

What does the Bible say?

Acts 2: 12-13 (CEV)

12 Everyone was excited and confused. Some of them even kept asking each other, "What does all this mean?"

13 Others made fun of the Lord's followers and said, "They are drunk."

Questions...

What did you see? Hear? Feel?

What just happened??

Why would this "experience" be considered the "Birthday of the Church?"

Up until
now...

Up until this point, the good news of Jesus had been kept really close.

During this festival, all these people were gathered from all over in Jerusalem.

And then this happened. Just imagine—you leave this place after the Holy Spirit literally came over you like fire. You just go back home.

Is anything ever really the same after this? Not really. Nothing is the same because you are not the same.

The Holy Spirit

Jesus promised that the Spirit would come.

The Holy Spirit is available to all of us.

When the Spirit comes, amazing things happen, and people are changed.

The Words of a Changed Man

LET'S READ WHAT THE DISCIPLE PETER (AKA THE APOSTLE
PETER) HAD TO SAY IN ACTS 2: 14-41



Remember...

May the Holy Spirit:

- Comfort you
- Inspire you
- Change you
- Refresh you
- Revive you

May you always know, in the words of Peter—that he quoted from the Psalms— “the Lord is always with [us].” May we never be shaken because He is right beside us!

Prayer

Call to Discipleship

Dismissal