



PENTECOST – THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH

Acts...Now It's Our Time - Part 1

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All authority is given to me on heaven and earth, therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I've commanded you. And surely, I'm going to be with you always, even until the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

*You know, it's written that Christ will suffer, and He will rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I'm going to send you what my Father had promised. But stay in the city until you have been clothed with **power from on high**. (Luke 24:46-49)*

Don't leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Wait for that power to come upon you, and you're going to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria and all over the world. (Acts 1:4, 5, 8)

So they humbled themselves and they waited –

- Deeply **dependent**
- Deeply **desperate**

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them. And it filled the house where they were meeting. Then what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. (Acts 2:2-4)

*Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: **“Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?”** (Acts 2:5-7)*

*“Then how is it that we are able to hear in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, parts of Libya near Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs— We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “**What’s up with that?**” (Acts 2:8-12)*

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” (Acts 2:13)

The REAL miracle was that God's Spirit – was - **IN THEM!**

CHRIST IN YOU...

*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** (Colossians 1:27)*

a. POWER

I pray that you'll begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe him. This is the same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him at the place of honor, at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 1:19-20)

b. COMPLETE

***For in Christ - all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. And you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.** (Colossians 2:9-10)*