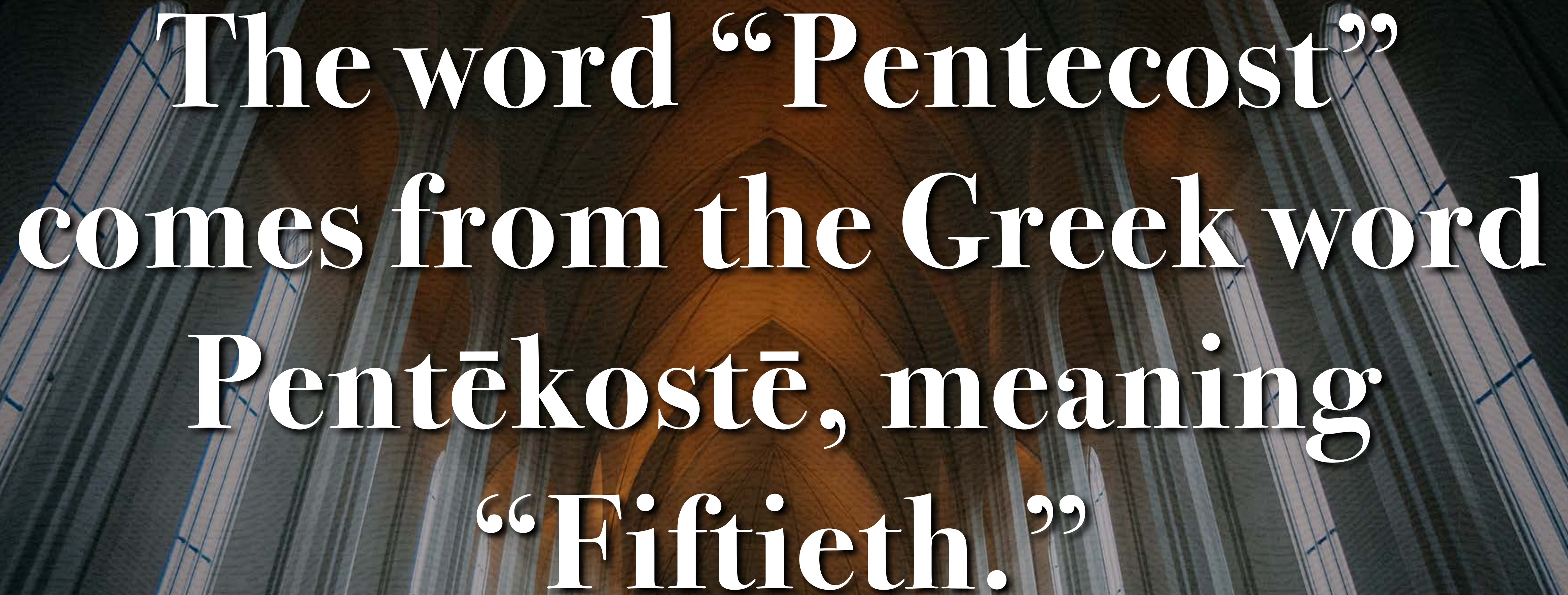




The Church

Acts 2:1-4 | 5:24-26



The word “Pentecost”
comes from the Greek word
Pentēkostē, meaning
“Fiftieth.”

Leviticus 23:15-16

You shall count seven full weeks from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. 16 You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD.

Acts 7:38

This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us.

Ephesians 5:27

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.



Principle 1:

**I Believe in the Church
Because of its Diversity**

Acts 2:7-11

And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Acts 2:7-11

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.



Diversity was never
man's idea – diversity
was God's idea

Romans 12:4-5

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, [being] many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Genesis 11:1, 4

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. ... 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top [may reach] unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:6-7

And the LORD said, Behold, the people [is] one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Genesis 11:9

Therefore is the name of it called Babel;
because the LORD did there confound
the language of all the earth: and from
thence did the LORD scatter them
abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Revelation 7:9

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither bond nor free,
there is neither male nor female:
for ye are all one in Christ Jesus

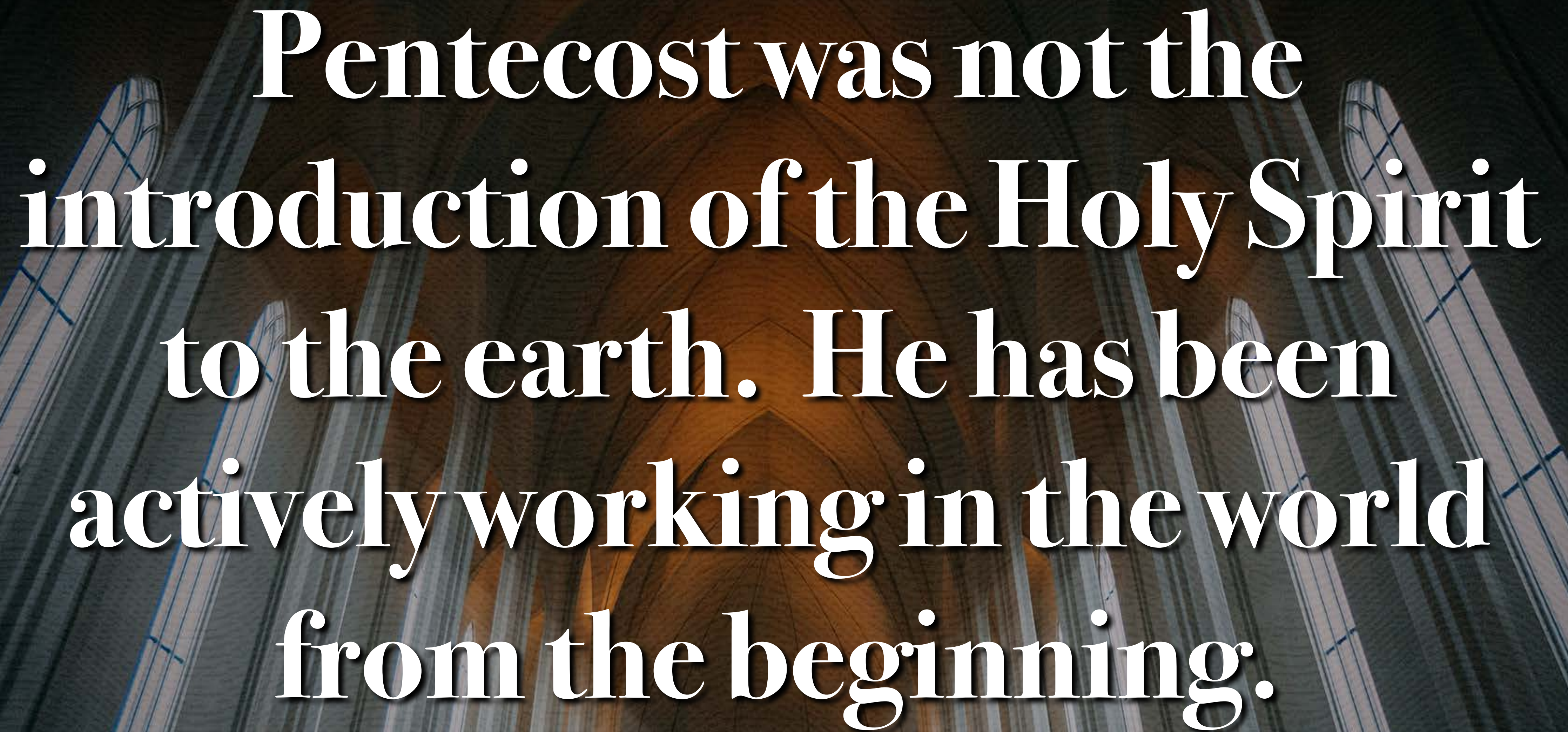


Principle 2:

**I Believe in the Church
Because of its Empowerment**

Acts 2:2-4

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



**Pentecost was not the
introduction of the Holy Spirit
to the earth. He has been
actively working in the world
from the beginning.**

Genesis 1:2

And the Spirit of God
moved upon the face of
the waters

John 14:17

[Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.



The greatest miracle of
Pentecost was that Almighty
God chose to dwell inside of and
give supernatural power to
humanity

1 Corinthians 6:19

What? know ye not that your body
is the temple of the Holy Ghost
[which is] in you, which ye have of
God, and ye are not your own?

Luke 24:49

Behold, I send the promise of my
Father upon you: but tarry ye in
the city of Jerusalem, until ye be
endued with power from on high

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls



Principle 3:

**I Believe in the Church
Because of its Relevance**

Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?



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