

When it comes to the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, what has your experience been?

“When the day of Pentecost came...”

Acts 2:1

“<sup>22</sup> You shall keep the Feast of Harvest, of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor.”

Exodus 23:16, ESV

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Corinthians 15:20, ESV

“By his own choice, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

James 1:18, CSB

The church is the firstfruit in each city of God's assembled new humanity.”

- Michael Goheen

“The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.”

Ephesians 1:14, CSB

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:22-23, ESV



<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:9-10, ESV

<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:11, ESV

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True Easter faith is the work of the Spirit, for believing in Christ's resurrection doesn't mean affirming a historical fact, and saying 'Oh really?' It means being seized by the life-giving Spirit and experiencing 'the powers of the world to come' (Heb. 6.5) in our own living and dying. There is no Pentecost without Easter. That is obvious. But there is no Easter without Pentecost either. There is no Easter theology without a theology of Pentecost, and no Pentecost theology without Easter theology.

- Jürgen Moltmann