

PENTECOST

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST ALL THE
BELIEVERS WERE MEETING TOGETHER
IN ONE PLACE.

ACTS 2

Pentecost...

The English word “**Pentecost**” comes from the

Greek word *pentekostos*, which means “**fifty**.”

In the OT **Pentecost** was one of the Jewish feast days.

Only, they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name.

The Jews called it the *Feast of Harvest* or the *Feast of Weeks*.

Pentecost (*Feast of Harvest*) comes “50” days (7 weeks)
after **Passover** (*Easter*). (*Leviticus 23:1-16*)

Pentecost (*Feast of Harvest*) is a *Celebration of “The Harvest”*.

- 3 things we should know about **Pentecost**
that will help us understand Acts 2...



Pentecost...

1. There were certain celebrations and sacrifices and offerings which were prescribed in the Law for the day of **Pentecost**.
2. **Pentecost** was a *pilgrim* festival. That meant that according to Jewish Law, *all the adult Jewish men* would come from wherever they were living to Jerusalem and personally be in attendance during this celebration.
3. **Pentecost** was a holiday. No work was to be done. School was out. The shops were closed. It was *celebration time*.



Pentecost...

In brief...

Pentecost was a *Grand “Harvest Celebration”*.

The streets of Jerusalem were clogged with thousands of pilgrims who had come from every point of the compass to celebrate the goodness of God.



John 14:15-16

(ESV)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, to be with you forever,

John 14:25-26

(ESV)

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

²⁶ But the **Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, He will **teach** you all things and **bring to your remembrance** all that **I have said to you**.

John 20:19-22

(ESV)

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.

Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

“Peace be with you,” He said. ²⁰ As He spoke, He showed them the wounds in His hands and His side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! ²¹ Again he said, “Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

²² ***Then He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit”***

Acts 1: 1-9

(NLT)

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day He was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. ³ During the forty days after He suffered and died, He appeared to the apostles from time to time, and He proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. And He talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

⁴ Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days *you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*”

Why?



Acts 1: 1-9

(NLT)

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

⁸ But *you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you*. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After saying this, He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.



Acts 2: 2-6

(NLT)

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.



Acts 2: 7-8; 11b -13

(NLT)

They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

...we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”



Acts 2: 14-16

(NLT)

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that.

¹⁶ No, *what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:*

Pentecost...

That Day...

Acts 2: 17-21

(NLT)

‘In *the last days*,’ God says,

- The New Testament term “*the last days*” began at Pentecost and extends until the return of Christ.
- We have technically been in “*the last days*” for over *two thousand years*.



Pentecost...

That Day...

Acts 2: 17-21

(NLT)

‘In *the last days*,’ God says,

‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,

and your old men will dream dreams.

- The Greek word for “visions,” *horasis*, can also mean
“*our eyes opened to have divine encounters and see into the spiritual realm.*”

These are not daydreams but *visions of the heavenly realm.*

The Passion Translation (See Strong’s Concordance, Gr. 3700 and 3706.)



Acts 2: 17-21

(NLT)

¹⁸ In those days *I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants-men and women alike-and they will prophesy.*

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below-blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD *will be saved.*'

Acts 2: 37-41

(NLT)

Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. *Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

³⁹ *This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.*"

⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said **were baptized** and **added to the church that day**—about 3,000 in all.



Pentecost... Ministry... This promise is to you, to your children

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