

Sermon Notes

John 16:7 (ESV)

Acts 19:1-2 (ESV)

Passover: The Gift of Salvation – Power to Save! / 1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

Pentecost: The Gift of The Spirit – Power to Change / Acts 1:3-8 (NIV) / Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)!

The Purpose of Pentecost

- **The Holy Spirit empowers me to live righteously.**
 - **John 16:8 (NIV) / Romans 8:9 (NIV) / Philippians 2:13 (NLT)**
- **The Holy Spirit empowers me to live confidently.**
 - **John 14:26 (ESV) / John 16:13-15 (ESV)**
- **The Holy Spirit empowers me to live supernaturally.**
 - **Luke 4:1, 14 (NIV) / 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (NIV) / 1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NIV)**
- **The Holy Spirit empowers me to live intentionally - on mission!**
 - **Isaiah 61:1-2a (NIV)**

**Being filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you,
it makes me better than me.**

Holy Spirit Challenge:

- **Release your fears and misperceptions.**
- **Renew your commitment to God.**
- **Receive an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit.**

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) What has been your understanding of the Holy Spirit? What has your experience been?
- 3) How have you lived out the *Purpose of Pentecost* in your life? Living righteously? Living confidently? Living supernaturally? Living intentionally? Which of these four do you aspire to grow in the most?
- 4) Do you agree with the statement, "Being filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you, it makes me better than me?" Explain.
- 5) Will you take part in the Holy Spirit Challenge? What fears and/or misperceptions do you need to release? How will you renew your commitment to God? Describe you believe an intimate friendship with the Holy Spirit can look like.