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Week 6: Pentecost: The Spirit Poured Out

The waiting is over. In the upper room, the disciples had been praying and preparing, but now God moves.

The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, is poured out in power, equipping the disciples to proclaim the Gospel in a way they never could on their own.

The miracle of Pentecost isn't just about the signs and wonders—it's about God launching His Church into its mission.

The same Spirit that fell on Pentecost is the Spirit that empowers us today, calling us to take the Gospel to every nation, tribe, and tongue.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses of Jesus to the world.

Scripture: Genesis 11, Acts 1:8; 2:1-13

Introduction

We've been on a journey together over these past weeks, tracing the incredible story of God's redemptive plan.

We've seen how it all began with the promise to Abraham—a promise that through his descendants, all nations would be blessed.

We witnessed the mighty hand of God as He led His people out of slavery in Egypt, demonstrating His power and faithfulness.

We saw the prophetic vision of the valley of dry bones coming to life—a vision of hope and restoration that pointed to God’s desire to breathe new life into His people.

We walked alongside Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where hearts burned as He opened the Scriptures and revealed Himself as the fulfillment of every promise.

We felt the tension and the triumph of the Ascension as Jesus returned to the Father, reminding the disciples that the story wasn’t ending but just beginning.

And last week, we stood in the tension of the in-between—the waiting room of God’s promises—where the disciples prayed and prepared for the coming of the Spirit.

And now, we’re here. Pentecost. The culmination of every promise and prophecy.

The fulfillment of Jesus’ words that the Spirit would come and clothe His followers with power.

The waiting is over. God moves. The Holy Spirit, the very breath of God, is poured out—not just to make a statement but to ignite a movement.

The Church is born in fire and wind, and from that moment, nothing would ever be the same.

Today, we celebrate Pentecost and remember the ongoing reality of the Spirit’s power in our lives.

The same Spirit that fell on that day is available to us right now, equipping and empowering us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

So let's lean in and remember that Pentecost is not only a past event—it's a present invitation.

Read Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

The Promise is Fulfilled

"Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:2, NIV)

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The arrival of the Holy Spirit was not an accident or an unexpected surprise—it was the fulfillment of a promise straight from the mouth of Jesus.

Just before He ascended into heaven, Jesus told His disciples:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NIV)

When the Spirit descended on Pentecost, it was a powerful confirmation that Jesus' words were true and reliable. In that upper room, the disciples were not left wondering if God would keep His word.

They were witnesses to His faithfulness as the wind of the Spirit rushed in and the tongues of fire rested on each of them.

Just as God had once led Israel through the wilderness with a pillar of fire, guiding and protecting them (Exodus 13:21), He now descended in tongues of fire, marking His presence and power in a new way.

The fire of Pentecost was more than just a sign—it was a declaration that God's presence would no longer be confined to temples or specific places.

The Spirit would now dwell in His people, empowering them to fulfill their mission.

Pentecost serves as a powerful reminder; *We serve a God who keeps His promises.*

When God says He will move, He does... and His timing is always perfect. Maybe you're in a season of waiting—wondering when or if God will act.

Pentecost reminds us that God's Spirit will move in power when the time is right.

Our role is to remain faithful, to trust, and to be prepared for when that moment comes.

For 10 years, I have believed for revival in our church to happen. I'm going to remain faithful until he moves.

Are you waiting in faith, like the disciples? Or are you doubting whether God will come through? Let Pentecost remind you—He is faithful, and His Spirit still moves today. Let this truth emboldened you.

When the Spirit moves, certain things happen:

The Spirit Empowers Bold Proclamation

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." (Acts 2:4, NIV)

When the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples, it wasn't just an awe-inspiring spectacle—it was a mission-launching event.

The same men and women who had been hiding behind locked doors just weeks earlier were now proclaiming the mighty works of God with boldness and clarity.

The Spirit empowered them to speak in languages they had never learned, making it possible for the diverse crowd in Jerusalem to hear the Gospel in their own tongues.

Luke tells us that there were ***"God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven"*** (Acts 2:5, NIV) gathered in Jerusalem.

As the disciples began to speak, the crowd was bewildered because ***"each one heard their own language being spoken"*** (Acts 2:6, NIV).

Some were amazed and asked, ***"Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"*** (Acts 2:7-8, NIV).

This is significant because God could have chosen to work through one language or one culture, but instead, He demonstrated that His message was for everyone.

The miracle of Pentecost wasn't just about the phenomenon of speaking in tongues—it was about the message of Jesus reaching the entire world.

The nations listed in Acts 2:9-11—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and more—represent the vast diversity of the known world at that time.

This miraculous event directly reversed the confusion of languages at Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). At Babel, human pride caused division and scattered people through language.

At Pentecost, God's grace brought unity through the Spirit, allowing the Gospel to bridge the language barrier and unite diverse people in Christ.

Pentecost wasn't only about bold proclamation—it was also about building something entirely new.

As the disciples spoke in different languages, God wasn't just demonstrating His power—He was signaling a new reality.

The Church was being born, not as a single, isolated group, but as a global, Spirit-filled family, united by the Gospel.

The Church is Born for the Nations

"We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

(Acts 2:11, NIV)

At the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11), humanity's pride led to division and confusion as God scattered the nations by confusing their languages.

But here at Pentecost, God was reversing that effect—uniting people from every nation through the Gospel. What sin had fractured, God's Spirit was now uniting.

Pentecost is not just the birth of the Church; it's the birth of a *global* Church.

People from every corner of the known world heard the wonders of God declared in their own languages.

This miraculous gathering was not just about communication—it was about a new community. The disciples had started in a small upper room, praying and waiting.

Now, their mission was expanding beyond anything they could have imagined.

This reality is further confirmation of ancient prophecy; We read in Joel 2:28 about the Spirit being poured out and later in Revelation 7:9-10 it says this;

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Pentecost calls us to embrace the diversity of God’s people and recognize that the Gospel is not just for us—it’s for everyone.

The same Spirit that brought unity at Pentecost is still working to bring people from every tribe, tongue, and nation into God’s family.

Are we willing to break out of our comfort zones to share the Gospel beyond our own circles?

Are we ready to celebrate the beautiful diversity of the Body of Christ, knowing that God calls people from every background and language?

Pentecost is a powerful reminder that the Church is not limited by borders or cultures—it is born for the nations.

Conclusion

Pentecost was not just a one-time event—it was the launch of a movement that continues today.

The same Spirit that filled the disciples in the upper room fills us now.

The same power that gave them boldness and courage is available to us every single day.

But Pentecost challenges us with a question: **Are we living empowered lives?** Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to move in us and through us, or are we still waiting in fear and doubt?

God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind.

The Spirit does not just give us goosebumps or stir our emotions—the Spirit equips us to **go out and make disciples**, to proclaim the Gospel with clarity and courage, and to build a community that reflects God’s heart for the nations.

So what does it mean for us today?

1. **Live Empowered** - The Spirit is not just for special occasions or extraordinary moments. He is with us in the mundane and the miraculous. Surrender daily to the Spirit’s guidance and allow Him to fill you afresh.
2. **Boldly Proclaim** - Just as the disciples didn’t keep the message to themselves, we must not hide our faith. Whether it’s in conversations with friends, sharing our story, or simply living with integrity, let your life and words reflect the hope you have in Christ.
3. **Embrace the Global Mission** - Pentecost reminds us that the Gospel is for every tribe, tongue, and nation. Let’s break out of our comfort zones and intentionally reach out to those who are different from us. The Spirit unites us in diversity, and the Church is called to reflect that unity.

Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, may we be stirred with a passion to live empowered by the Spirit. Let us be a Church that boldly proclaims the name of Jesus and embraces our calling to take the Gospel to the world.

Let's pray together.