

The Aftermath: A Journey to Pentecost

New Beginnings (Pentecost Sunday 2021)

Small Group Notes

Jesus appeared to over 8 different people groups from the time that he came up out of the grave on Easter Sunday.

[Act 1:1-14 NKJV] 1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

4 And being assembled together with [them], He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," [He said], "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The promise is in the Waiting

IN the waiting we loose focus....in the waiting we get frustrated.....in the waiting we try to produce the promise on our own!

If you are not careful you will produce an illegitimate promise in the waiting just like Abraham and Sarah did..... that will cause you more problems down the road!

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6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had

spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This [same] Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James [the son] of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas [the son] of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

[Act 2:1 NKJV] 1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

1) What does Pentecost mean?

When God gave Moses the law there was a sound from heaven, the law was written on tables of stone, and 3000 people died that day..

When God poured out his spirit on this same day 3000 years later...There was a sound from heaven, God wrote his law on the fleshly hearts of man, and 3000 people were saved that day!

This is why the scripture tells us.....The law brings death but the spirit gives life!

We also see in Leviticus 23:15-16 NKJV the event of Pentecost
15 'And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. 16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.

2) How significant was this day in History?

Zephaniah 3:9 NKJV 9 “For then (talking about when Jesus comes) I will restore to the peoples (all nations) a pure language. That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord.

He didn't say I am going to give..... Im going to bring back.

If God was going to bring back. When did he take it away! Go to Gen 11

Genesis 11:1-8 NKJV

1 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. 4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

This tower was about man building something.....but the outpouring was God building his church!

5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the Lord said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

Because of them being in one accord and of one language Nothing was withheld from them.....

Acts chapter 2 we see a language that was given to them that turned the world upside down....

I believe this is what God is saying to us today....if I can get my people in one accord, coming into unity and speaking this same pure language.....nothing will be withheld from them.....

The disciples got it.....and they turned the world upside down!

7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.” 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

He said wait on the promise.....What is the Promise? The giving back a pure language that will turn a generation around.

Acts 2:1-2 NKJV

1 When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:6 NKJV

6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

3) God wants you to experience this Promise today.....

God wants you to experience Pentecost.....

Acts 2:37-39 NKJV

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

Passover was fulfilled when Jesus was once and for all our Passover lamb.....we wasn't alive when this fulfillment took place but we can now still experience salvation by receiving Christ Jesus into our lives!

Just because we wasn't alive when Pentecost was fulfilled when the Holy Ghost came down, We can still experience Pentecost by receiving the Holy Ghost into our lives!

Acts 19:1-6 NKJV. This is some 24 years after this initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit....

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

Look at this word receive.....The Holy Spirit has been poured out now for over 2000 years.....but now you have you receive him.....

3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) How was the Holy Spirit speaking to you this week through the sermon?
- 2) Has there been a situation in your life where you had to wait longer than you anticipated and how did that turn out?
- 3) When was the first time you heard about the day of Pentecost and what stood out to you about this event in biblical history?
- 4) What are your thoughts about Zephaniah 3:9 and the prophecy of restoring a pure language? And what do you believe is the pure language?
- 5) My question to you today is why would you not want to experience all that God has for you?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?