

## Help! Part 4 “Take 5”

### 1. What is Pentecost?

#### **Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)**

*2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all <sup>[a]</sup>with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them <sup>[b]</sup>divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- Pentecost is one of three major feasts in Israel (there are seven in all)
  - Passover (Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits)
  - Pentecost
  - Tabernacles (Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles- Booths)
- The Day of Pentecost was the celebration of the giving of the law
  - It occurred 50 days after Passover, thus the name
  - *Pente* means 5. *Cost* means to the 10<sup>th</sup> power (50 - fully come)
  - It means fifty! Isn't that a scary word? Fifty!
- It was also called the feast of weeks
  - The week of weeks (Seven weeks)
  - Jesus was here 40 days then they prayed for 10 days

#### **Leviticus 23:15-16 (NLT)**

*<sup>15</sup> “From the day after the Sabbath—the day you bring the bundle of grain to be lifted up as a special offering—count off seven full weeks. <sup>16</sup> Keep counting until the day after the seventh Sabbath, fifty days later. Then present an offering of new grain to the Lord.*

- The Day of Pentecost was the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Resurrection
  - On that day, the Holy Spirit came
  - It was the celebration of the beginning of harvest

### 2. What happened at Pentecost?

#### **Acts 2:5-8 (NKJV)**

*<sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each in our own <sup>[a]</sup>language in which we were born?*

Tower of Babel (Gen. 11), Mount Sinai (Ex. 19), and the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)

**Babel and Pentecost:**

- At Babel, God's judgment scattered the people; but at Pentecost, God's blessing united the believers in the Spirit.
- At Babel, the people were unable to understand each other; but at Pentecost, men heard God's praises and understood what was said. Every tongue and tribe praising God: HEAVEN!
- Babel was an act of rebellion and pride, but Pentecost was an act of submission and humility.

**Sinai and Pentecost:**

- At Sinai and Pentecost, they gathered as one
  - There was a cloud, loud sound, and fire
  - At Sinai, 3000 people died; at Pentecost, 3000 people were saved
  - At Sinai, the law was written on tablets of stone; at Pentecost, the law was written on tablets of flesh
- There was no way they could keep the law (They were breaking it while Moses was receiving it)
    - The Holy Spirit is the empowering to walk in God's righteous standards
  - We need the empowering of the Holy Spirit to walk righteously
    - Jesus comes to make us righteous
    - The Holy Spirit comes to empower us to live righteously!

**Pentecost is the blessed reversal of the cursed judgment of Babel and the blessed fulfillment of the Law's purpose**

**3. Can I experience Pentecost?**

**Acts 2:3-4 (NKJV)**

*<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them <sup>[b]</sup>divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- The Fire was on EACH of them
  - It wasn't limited to the apostles, there were 120 people, including women
  - If we were there, I would see fire over your head, and you would see one over mine
  - They had to accept by faith their own fire, as do you and I
  - God wants us to each experience Him in fullness! Praise God! I can have my own fire.

**Acts 1:4-5 (NKJV)**

*<sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

### **Acts 2:38-39 (NKJV)**

*<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the <sup>[a]</sup>remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> 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.”*

- The PROMISE is the baptism with the Holy Spirit
  - This promise was not just to the believers who were there that day. It was to their children also and to ALL who are far off, as many as the Lord calls!
  - You can experience being saved! You can experience water baptism and you can experience spirit baptism!
  
- Three major feasts they came together for every year
  1. PASSOVER: was when a spotless lamb was sacrificed for the sins of the people. Jesus died on Passover and is the total fulfillment of Passover!
    - Jesus is the Bread of Life that was hidden (Buried) then brought forth on the Day after the Sabbath
    - Jesus is the First of the Firstfruits harvest that was to come!
  
  2. TABERNACLE: will be when the last harvest is gathered.
    - It includes trumpets (second coming) and atonement (judgement)
    - Jesus will come again, but we have been judged righteous because of His atonement, and we will tabernacle with God for eternity!
    - Yet to be fulfilled, i.e. TBD
  
  3. PENTECOST: was when the promise was delivered to humanity
    - This promise is to you and your children and to all who are afar off
    - We can experience ALL three feasts!
    - You can be filled with the Holy Spirit just as the disciples were!

*Object Lesson: Using pictures of water, illustrate what it's like to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. When we are saved when the cup is filled. When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, when our filled cup is immersed into the larger container.*

### **Response:**

We don't want to be afraid of the Holy Spirit or only partially receive Him. Today, will you receive the Holy Spirit fully?

**REPENT:** from wrong thinking and believing about the Holy Spirit

**ASK:** your Heavenly Father to baptize/fill you with the Holy Spirit.

**RECEIVE:** the promise of the Holy Spirit by faith

