

The Feast of Pentecost Fulfilled

Today Christians the world over celebrate a Jewish feast-day that has worldwide impact! I'm talking of course about the Feast of Pentecost. It is absolutely a transformational "game changer" for Christ-like living. Let's experience it for ourselves!

Rivers of "Living Water"

Prophetically, Jesus foretold to His disciples the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Tabernacles in **John 7:37-39 TPT**:

*"Then on the most important day of the feast, the last day, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds – "All you thirsty ones, come to Me! Come to Me and drink! **38.** Believe in Me so that rivers of living water will burst out from within you, flowing from your innermost being, just like the Scripture says, "I will pour refreshing water on the thirsty and streams on the dry ground. I will pour out My Spirit on your children (**Acts 2:12-17**), My blessing upon your descendants." **39.** Jesus was prophesying about the Holy Spirit that believers were being prepared to receive. But the Holy Spirit had not yet been poured out upon them, because Jesus had not yet been in His full splendor." **This power of this Baptism includes healing today!***

Jesus Directs His Disciples Who To Wait For

In Luke 24:47-49 TPT *"Now you must go into all the nations and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins so that they will turn to Me. Start right here in Jerusalem, **48.** For you are my witnesses and have seen for yourselves all that has transpired. **49.** I will send the fulfillment of the Father's Promise to you, so stay here in the city until you are clothed with the mighty power of Heaven." **SFLB note:** "Jesus not only commissions them as **witnesses**, but promises the enabling power of the Holy Spirit*

to carry out the task. They are not to begin their mission until they receive **the Promise.**”

Jesus final instruction for reception of the coming Holy Spirit:
Acts 1:2-8 TPT *“Just before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus left instructions (or “commands”) through the Holy Spirit for the apostles He had chosen. 3. After the sufferings of His cross, Jesus appeared alive many times to these same apostles over a **forty**-day* period, proving to them with many convincing signs that He had been resurrected. During these encounters, He taught them the truths of God’s kingdom.”*

***TPT note:** “The number **forty** is significant, for it speaks of transformation and completeness through testing. Jesus was tempted for forty days, the deluge during Noah’s day lasted forty days and nights. Moses met with God for forty days on Sinai, Israel wandered for forty years, and Elijah fasted for forty days. Jesus spent forty days appearing to His disciples to teach them that a day of completeness and transformation had arrived. It took them forty days to comprehend that **Christ’s kingdom** was spiritual, not political. [It is the divine rule in human hearts, lives, and situations.]” With the Holy Spirit of wisdom & revelation (Eph. 1:17-18) now inside of us, it should take us far less time to comprehend Christ’s Kingdom!

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Acts 1:4-8 TPT *“Jesus instructed them, “Don’t leave Jerusalem, but wait here until you receive the gift I told you about, the gift the Father has promised. 5. For John baptized you in water, but in a few days from now you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.”*
This baptism “in” or “with” the Holy Spirit is a distinct work from conversion. **6.** *Every time they were gathered together, they asked Jesus, “Lord is it now the time for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”* **7.** *He answered, “The Father is the One who sets the fixed dates and times of their fulfillment. You are not*

permitted to know the timing of all that He has prepared by His own authority. 8. But I promise you this – the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and you will be seized with power (or “you will seize power”). You will be My messengers (or “witnesses.” Gk. “martyrs) to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces – even to the remotest places on earth.”

Acts 2:1 TPT *“On the day Pentecost was being fulfilled, all the disciples were gathered in one place (NKJV “in one accord” *)”* The Jewish Feast of Pentecost, which word means “fiftieth,” was held on the fiftieth day after the Passover Sabbath. Also known as the Feast of Harvest, it was one of the three major feast days that the Jewish men had to go to Jerusalem to observe. Each OT Feast-day must have a NT fulfillment!

***SFLB Word Wealth:** *“In one accord” Gk homothumadon; means “Being unanimous, having mutual consent, being in agreement, having group unity, having one mind & purpose. The disciples had an intellectual unanimity, an emotional rapport, volition (willful) agreement in the newly founded church. In each of its occurrences, homothumadon shows a harmony leading to action.”* Join with us today in this united way, and receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as well.

Today, receive more of the life Jesus spoke of in John 10:10 TPT:

*“A thief has only one thing in mind – he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance more than you expect – **life in its fullness until you overflow!**”*

Read Acts 2:2-13 TPT

The Power to Do What Jesus Did

SFLB note: “The power of the Spirit in Jesus’ life authorized Him to preach the kingdom of God and demonstrate kingdom power

by healing the sick, casting out demons, and setting captives free. The same Spirit power in Acts 2 gave the same authority to the disciples. ***Jesus is the prototype of the Spirit-filled, Spirit-empowered life*** (10:38 *“Jesus of Nazareth was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit and with great power. He did wonderful things for others and divinely healed all who were under the tyranny of the devil, for God had anointed him.”*); the Book of Acts is the story of the disciples receiving what Jesus received in order to do what Jesus did.”

Receive the Baptism of H.S. Then Do What Jesus Did

Mark 16:17-18 TPT *“And these miracle signs will accompany those who believe: They will drive out demons in the power of My name. They will speak in tongues. 18. They will be super-naturally protected from snakes & from drinking anything poisonous. And they will lay hands on the sick and heal them.”*