

Notes: Pentecost

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1. What is Pentecost?

- *The word Pentecost is a Greek word which means... 50.*
- The name "Pentecost," in the Greek, means 50 because it was the 50th day after the First fruits feast that we read about (Lev. 23:16)
- The Day of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Harvest.
 - Acts 2:1-4:
 - Romans 8:1-2
- Let's look at the connection and contrast of the Law and the Law of the Spirit.
 - Exodus 32:1
 - Exodus 32:28
- The Law was imposed on 3,000 die, the Law of the Spirit comes and 3,000 are given life.

2. Can we experience Pentecost today?

- So, when we say it (Pentecost) **happened...** 2,000 years ago...
- I'd like to use a different word **it was fulfilled** 2000 years ago!!
- Passover was fulfilled on the on the day Jesus died. We no longer have to sacrifice the blood of a lamb for our sins, why?
 - Because the lamb of God (Jesus) came so Passover was fulfilled!!
- So even though we weren't alive when Jesus was alive, even though we weren't there when Jesus died and rose again, we can still experience the fulfillment of Passover.
- Now, it stands to reason that even though we weren't alive when the Holy Spirit **fulfilled** Pentecost, we can still receive the **fulfillment of Pentecost** by simply receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Now let me give you a snapshot of Acts 2: The Holy Spirit comes with power, like that of a powerful rushing wind... Peter gets up and explains what just happened and 3,000 people are given new life. If your still not convinced this is for today, check out what the Scriptures say:

Acts 2:37 "When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Acts 2:38 "Peter replied, "**Repent** (in other words, turn to Jesus, believe in Jesus, get saved, then he says) and be **baptized** every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. **And** you shall **receive** the **gift of the Holy Spirit**."

- So, again we need to get Saved, be Baptized **and** Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Or you could say be Baptized with the Holy Spirit)
- Now I want you to notice this popular line of thinking in the body of Christ today, this idea that Pentecost was for them (**the Disciples ...**) **but it's not for us**. Now **Watch this, watch what Peter says:**

Acts 2:39 "The promise (**the Holy Spirit**) is for you and your children and for **all who are far off**—for **all** whom the Lord our God will call."

- Listen, it's not just for the Disciples 2000 years ago, or just for you and me, it's for **your children** and **your grandchildren** and **all who are far off** . **We can all** receive the **promise**, they **can all** receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, **everybody can...**

Look at Acts 8:12: "But when they **believed** Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were **baptized**, both men and women."

Two things you need to understand about this verse:

- **First** you need to understand this dialogue we see with Philip is years after Pentecost.
- And two is Philip only saying we need to believe and be baptized?
 - Not according to what the apostles knew!!!

Look at verse 8:14: “When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might **receive the Holy Spirit**.

- Well, I thought they were already saved? They were!!
- I thought they had already been baptized with water. They had!!
- **Now why...** would Peter and John go on to say, now go receive or be Baptized by the Holy Spirit if they didn't need to, if this wasn't an important third step that we need to take.

Then it says in verse 8:16...” because the Holy Spirit had not yet (so again their Saved but the Spirit had not yet) come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- A.** What is the difference between being Saved (coming to Christ for the first time) and receiving the Holy Spirit, or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or this idea of the 2nd work of the Spirit?
1. The Holy Spirit lives in you(me) at salvation, I Corinthians 6:19 says, “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?”
 - *But here's what I want you to understand, Salvation is for your sake and for my sake. How? Because now our names are written in the Lambs book of life.*
 2. **But, when** the Holy Spirit comes upon me and you with power, when we receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or the 2nd work of the Spirit it's for the sake of others.
 - That you and I might **boldly witness** to others, that you might **boldly pray** for others with power. That's what we call the 2nd work of the Spirit or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - When you are filled with the Holy Spirit it's like were super charged, it's like rivers of living water that flow out of you:
 - We're talking about **rivers of boldness**. That means you willing share Christ even if it cost you your life.
 - We're talking about the **Spirits power to touch people**. God love's all people and He can mold and shape anyone and draw them to Himself.
- B. Have you received the 2nd work of the Holy Spirit? Have you been Baptized with the Holy Spirit?**
- The old King James (Bible) says it like this way in Acts 19:2: “have you receive the Holy Spirit since you believed.”
- C.** What if you have asked for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and nothing has happened?
- Keep asking to receive the Holy Spirit.
 - Listen to what Jesus said, in Luke 11:9-10 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
 - In the Greek, “**Ask, Seek, and Knock**” are all imperfect tenses which means He's referring to something you do repeatedly. It's not enough to ask once. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit will come, He says when we persist in asking.

Charles Spurgeon said this: “that some of the best fruit on God's tree are on sturdy branches that require more than one shake to get them. God gives some things only when we persist in asking. Ask and then ask again. “