

THIS IS US

Pentecost Sunday / May 31, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION TO PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

II. HOW DO SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE LIVE?

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

A. Love

1. Have you made love your default mode?

Colossians 3:12-14 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

2. Love is the duct tape of life.

B. Joy

1. Are you choosing joy?

Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

2. Joy and Strength go together

- *When I choose joy, I find strength.*

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

C. Peace & Patience

1. Is your heart at peace?

Proverbs 14:29-30 Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly. A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

2. I find peace when I am patient.

3. I can be patient when I am at peace.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

D. Kindness & Goodness & Gentleness

1. How are others being affected by you?

Galatians 5:25-26 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

2. Be Kind. Do Good. Show Gentleness.

E. Faithfulness & Self-Control

1. Have you evaluated your fruit?

Proverbs 25:28 (NLT) A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls.

2. The Holy Spirit will partner with you to build a secure life.

3. Are you keeping in step with the Spirit?

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.