

When the Day of Pentecost Had Fully Come

Some _____, Please: Pentecost is among the best-known and least understood of the feasts of the Jews. Christians refer to it as the birthday of the Church, and yet, we still do not fully understand what happened on that day and what it means to our lives today. As we open the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, I would like to start by looking at three things concerning this most important day in the lives of both Israel and of God's Church.

Outline of Our Study

I. THE MEANING OF PENTECOST

II. THE MIRACLES OF PENTECOST

III. THE MESSAGE OF PENTECOST

I. THE _____ OF PENTECOST

- A. **The Tradition of Pentecost – Firstfruits:** Pentecost is the Greek name for the Hebrew Feast of _____ and was held exactly fifty days after the Feast of Firstfruits. Pentecost means "_____ days." The Feast of Firstfruits was always held on the day after the Sabbath of the Passover. It commemorates the first yield of the _____ harvest.

Firstfruits and the _____ of Jesus Christ: (I Corinthians 15:20-23) According to Paul, Firstfruits is a beautiful picture of the resurrection of Christ as a promise of a greater harvest yet to come!

Then, fifty days later, when the harvest was fully _____ and most of it would be gathered in, there would be a Feast of Weeks or Pentecost, which was designed to _____ God for the bounty that He had physically given the nation of Israel. (Deuteronomy 16:9-12)

- B. **The _____ of Pentecost:** In the instructions for this feast given in Leviticus 23:17-22, there are a great number of things that _____ truths of tremendous significance to us.

Number of Offerings

10 Offerings = _____ lambs + _____ young bull + _____ rams the completeness of the work of Christ

Type of Offerings

Burnt Offering – Christ _____ Himself up to the Father's Will.

Sin Offering – Christ took the full _____ for our sin and guilt.

Peace Offering – Christ is our _____.

II. THE _____ OF PENTECOST

- **The Miracle of _____:** "as rushing mighty wind" sound of a hurricane or tornado winds (Romans 10:17)
- **The Miracle of _____:** "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of _____, and one sat upon each of them." (Acts 2:3, NKJV) "Fire-like" manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit

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Key Verses: Acts 2:1-5, 22-24, 41; Leviticus 23:17-22; I Corinthians 3:16; 10:32; 15:20-23; Ephesians 2:12; Romans 10:13

- **Fire gives** _____
 - **Fire Warms**
 - **Fire** _____
 - **Fire Spreads**
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- **The Miracle of** _____: The use of Gentile languages to convey God's revelation of Himself was a sign of shame and _____ to the Jewish leaders and the people who followed their rejection of Christ.
 - **The Miracle of** _____: The fourth miracle of Pentecost was the dramatic transformation of the Apostles. They ceased cowering in the Upper Room and became men of _____.
 - **The Miracle of** _____: The final miracle of Pentecost was the miracle of the _____ that occurred by the end of that day. (Acts 2:41; John 14:12)

III. The _____ of Pentecost: Three main _____ encapsulate the events of the Day of Pentecost. These will not be discussed in detail here, as future messages will address the passage more thoroughly. The following statements are general observations relevant to this topic.

- **A New** _____: Way back in the book of _____, we read about how man abandoned God. Then we read about how God abandoned the race of man, except the Jews, whom He raised up after scattering the nations of the world and confusing their language at _____. There at Babel, God had nothing to offer the world in the way of salvation at the time. But now, in the fullness of time, Jesus Christ had come and died on the cross for our sins and rose victorious over sin and the grave on the third day! Soon, people of _____ language, tribe, and culture will have the opportunity to believe the Gospel and be saved by _____ alone through faith alone in Christ alone! A new age is being born: the Church Age!
- **A New** _____: On the day of Pentecost, the shekinah _____ of God was no longer to be found in a temple made with hands. It could now be found in temples made of flesh and blood. ____ are His Holy of Holies, the very dwelling place of His glory! Surely this is a new relationship and has great implications that we will later explore.
- **A New** _____: Up to the Day of Pentecost, God divided the world between the Gentiles (Ephesians 2:12) and Jews (Romans 10:3). God now began to draw out of both groups a _____ race of people. (Ephesians 2:14-18) This new race is the _____ (I Corinthians 10:32).

The _____ Begins: The Firstfruits are gathered, and now the harvest is fully _____ and has begun, as the day of Pentecost has fully come!