

## THE IMPORTANCE OF PENTECOST

Today is Pentecost Sunday

Why does Pentecost still matter and what's its importance today?

Pentecost is a reminder of the church's global and local mission to share the gospel and the belief that the same Holy Spirit that empowered the early church is still very much active and available to the church today!

**John 14:15-18 NKJV** “If you love Me, <sup>[a]</sup>keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another <sup>[b]</sup>Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Why is Pentecost important? Because Jesus told his apostles He was going to send another comforter, helper that would be His power demonstrated through the Holy Spirit into our lives

Let me ask you a question: how many want more of Jesus?

Now, how about the Holy Spirit?

### **v. 16 Bible**

In the Greek language of Jesus' day, there were two words for another. One meaning was something totally different and the other described another of the 'same kind'

When Jesus spoke of sending us another Helper/Comforter, He was saying I'm going to send you another One just like Me!

So if we say we want all of Jesus we can have, then you shouldn't be afraid of the Holy Spirit or the baptism. He's the only One who can make you more like Jesus. He is One called alongside to help!

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and represents the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in the Upper Room

**Acts 2:1-4** 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.

3 important keys of Pentecost:

## **1. CHRIST FULFILLMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

This day marks the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, fulfilling Jesus' promise of sending an advocate, helper to dwell within our lives

Come on church! This shifted the whole dynamic of faith! Why?

God's presence was no longer limited to a physical temple but now resides directly in His people and we are now His temple

**1 Cor 3:16 NKJV Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?**

## **2. THE CHURCH WAS BORN V.4**

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Acts shows the shift that transformed a small fearful group of followers into a bold, empowered community of followers – His church was born!

**Acts 2:14-21 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* <sup>[e]</sup>the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:**

**<sup>17</sup> ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.**

**<sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;**

**And they shall prophesy.**

**<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above**

**And signs in the earth beneath:**

**Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.**

**<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness,**

**And the moon into blood,**

**Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.**

**<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass**

***That whoever calls on the name of the Lord***

***Shall be saved.'***

Peter empowered by this newly received gift preached his first sermon and 3000 were saved

**Acts 2:38-42 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the <sup>[k]</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.”**

**<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this <sup>[l]</sup>perverse generation.” <sup>41</sup> Then those who <sup>[m]</sup>gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to *them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ <sup>[n]</sup>doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

So today’s importance of Pentecost Sunday, it’s considered the birthday of His global Christian church and if you have the Holy Spirit, or if He has you, then you will realize the great need of the church!

Holy Spirit come and fill us afresh today!

### **3. THIS IS WHEN HIS GREAT COMMISSION WAS LAUNCHED**

This gospel was now going to be proclaimed, those 120 spoke in tongues, allowing the diverse, multinational crowds in Jerusalem to hear the gospel in their native languages. Wow!

Come on, this is the spiritual reversal of the Tower of Babel where He had confused their languages, here the Holy spirit uniting nations and sending out to share their faith!

#### **v. 4**

They all spoke in other tongues, why do we need a new spiritual language – change your language, change your world!

Church, we have to speak what we've never spoken in order to see what we've never seen!

At Pentecost it wasn't just any tongue, it was a tongue of fire from the Spirit of God

**Acts 4:23-33** And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, <sup>25</sup> who <sup>[c]</sup> by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

**'Why did the nations rage,  
And the people plot vain things?  
<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth took their stand,  
And the rulers were gathered together  
Against the Lord and against His Christ.'**

<sup>27</sup> "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup> by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

<sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

**<sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.**

The tongues rested, set upon them, and engulfed them!

They could no longer stay silent when the language of Heaven was burning in them

As Pentecostal people we can't just speak any language we must speak the language of holiness, freedom, and power

A language of dominion, spiritual authority, and healing power

The importance of Pentecost: when the Holy Spirit comes upon us He reaches every single dimension of your being

If the disciples needed this immeasurable gift of the Holy Spirit, how much more do we need Him now?

Come rest on us Holy Spirit, empower your last day church!