

GOD WANTS A FAMILY 3 - PENTECOST BEGAN GOD'S FAMILY

I. GOD'S FAMILY - ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE

A. PENTECOST AND HARVEST

1. PENTECOST

Pentecost comes from the Greek (Pentēkostē) meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the festival celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover, also known as the **"Feast of Weeks"** (A WEEK OF WEEKS - 49 -50TH)

- **THE OFFERING OF FIRST FRUITS** begins the countdown to the FEAST OF WEEKS. It is observed on the first day after PASSOVER. RESURRECTION SUNDAY
- **FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS OR SHAVUOT (Feast of Weeks)**
This time of year marks the **START OF THE WHEAT HARVEST AND THE END OF THE BARLEY HARVEST**. It also commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. FIRST COVENANT
- **PENTECOST (Greek Name meaning 50th as in days after the beginning of harvest. IS A CELEBRATION OF THE HARVEST and the COVENANT of LAW,**
- **ACTS 2 DAY OF PENTECOST is a celebration of the First fruits of the Spirit and the Celebration of the NEW COVENANT.**

GOD IS SO COOL! THE HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT ON SAME DAY THE HARVEST IS CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL. 50 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST FRUIT OFFERING (JESUS IS THE FIRST FRUITS) AND 50 DAYS AFTER THE RESURRECTION.

1. WITH ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² ***And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*** ³ ***Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.*** ⁴ ***And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

- **FULLY COME** - Hourglass. Pentecost is about counting. **FIFTIETH DAY after Resurrection Day.**
- **ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE** - “**Accord**” originally meant “**UNANIMOUS**” but became “**TOGETHER**”. Together in one place means: HAVING VALUE & MAKING SACRIFICE.
- **THEY EXPECTED SOMETHING BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT.** *HUNGER, DESPERATION, EXCITEMENT AAND COMPLETE SURRENDER BROUGHT THEM ALL TO THE SAME PLACE.*
- **A SOUND FROM HEAVEN** - VISITATION AND OUTPOURING REPRESENT THE ARRIVAL OF SOMETHING COMING FROM HEAVEN TO US HERE ON EARTH.
- **THE SOUND ATTRACTED EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.**

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were **confused**, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all **amazed** and **marveled**, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

- “**WE HEAR THEM speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.**”

2. **OUTPOURING - WE ARE FILLED TO BE POURED OUT**

- **A SOUND LIKE A MIGHTY WIND** - so much more- **BAFFIN ISLAND** SOUNDED like a freight train coming through church building
- **FIRE ON EACH ONE OF THEM** - Individual and corporate supply of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But **this is what was spoken** (THIS IS THAT) by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “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.*

18 *And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.*

- **“THIS IS THAT”** - Looks different than we might expect
ILLUSTRATION - KIM - “This is it!” (Just go with it)
- **Peter Uses Joel 2** (*Dreams visions, prophecy*) to describe Acts 2 (*wind, fire, tongues*). **IT CAN LOOK DIFFERENT**
- **NOT WHAT MEN SEE- BUT WHAT GOD SEES** - old men, young men, hand maids and servants- **all genders, all ages, ALL GENERATIONS** impacted by the Spirit of God **AT THE SAME TIME.**

3. GOD WILL OFFEND YOUR MIND TO REVEAL YOUR HEART

Every move of God has some element of offense in it.

- **Pentecost**, it was tongues.
- **Jesus People movement**, it was long hair and bare feet. In the
- **Toronto Blessing** it was the laughter, weird sounds and manifestations.
- ***We will never enter revival with our minds, we can only find it with our hearts.*** Not because intellect doesn't matter, but because only the heart instinctively knows where to go.
- **God doesn't remove the offensive parts from our lives.** Revival has offense in it to test the hunger of our heart.

Prov. 14:4 NLT *Without oxen a stable stays clean, but you need a strong ox for a large harvest.*

- **REVIVAL - When you have a move of God, keep a shovel close**
- **BUT, NOT EVERY MESS IS REVIVAL. SOMETIMES IT'S IMMATURITY. SOMETIMES ITS REBELLION. SOMETIMES IT'S STUPIDITY**
- **LOVE COVERS AND TRUTH CLARIFIES** - Love is **unconditional**, but **truth is a plumb line** that always brings adjustment. ***Our problems begin when we think we have had all the adjustment we***

need and it's now time to work on everybody else's problems.

4. **WE ARE PART OF A MULTI-GENERATIONAL MOVEMENT - THE MOVE OF GOD IS BIGGER THAN A SINGLE GENERATION. THAT MEANS OFTEN WE WILL NOT SEE EYE TO EYE.**

ILLUSTRATION: The migration of Monarch Butterflies from Mexico to Canada- It takes four generations to complete their journey. At Natural Bridges State Park the Monarch Butterflies pause in their journey. **THEY ALL HAVE THE SAME DESIRE IN THEIR LITTLE BUTTERFLY HEARTS- BUT THEY ALL SEE A DIFFERENT PART OF THE JOURNEY**

LITTLE BUTTERFLIES - “Are we there yet?”

- III. **FAMILIES SHOULD MAINTAIN THE FULNESS OF THE SPIRIT IN ALL RELATIONSHIPS** because - *“You can choose your friends, but you can’t choose your relatives”*

EPH.5:18 *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, (UNDER INFLUENCE THAT DISSIPATES OR UNDER LEADERSHIP THAT RELEASES LIFE)¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.*

- **WORSHIP-SPEAKING**, *singing psalms/hymns, creating melody*
- **THANKSGIVING** - *always for all things*
- **HUMILITY IN RELATIONSHIPS AND BEFORE THE LORD** - *God awareness, self-awareness, other-awareness*
- **MAINTAIN THE FEAR OF THE LORD - REVERENCE AND RESPECT** - *You do all that you do BEFORE THE LORD*
- **ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS PRESS FOR MORE OF GOD.** *Because you never know how long the journey will be and how much of Him you may need before you get there.*