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## **The Day of Pentecost**

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## The Road Declaration

### Background

- Jesus had already ascended to heaven
- There were 120 believers, including the disciples, gathered in an upper room.
  - They had been waiting for 10 days.
  - They were all in one accord.
- Jesus had told the disciples that He would send a Helper, and to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

### Verses talking about the promise of the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 1:4-5**
  - <sup>4</sup>“And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup>for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- **Acts 1:8**
  - <sup>8</sup>“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be <sup>[a]</sup>witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
    - **You receive power to witness to unbelievers.**
- **John 14:26**
  - <sup>26</sup>“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

## The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 2:1-4** “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all <sup>[w]</sup>with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them <sup>[b]</sup>divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of

them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

- **These scriptures we just read, I lived them, almost verbatim, twice.**

## **The Meaning and Significance of Pentecost**

- “Pentecost” is the Greek word for “fiftieth.”
  - Pentecost was an annual Jewish festival scheduled 50 days after the Passover.
    - Passover celebrated the first fruits of the barley harvest.
      - Barley was used to feed animals.
        - Animals were used as sacrifices to atone for people’s sin.
    - Pentecost was 50 days after Passover.
      - Pentecost was called the “festival of first fruits” and celebrated the first fruits of the wheat harvest.
        - Wheat was used to feed man.
          - God used a man as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world.
  - In the Old Testament, the day of Pentecost was known as the day Israel was given the law.
    - In the New Testament, the day of Pentecost became known as the day the Church was given the Holy Spirit. which is a much better law, because He lives within us.

## **The Crowd’s Response:**

**Vs. 5** “And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, **from every nation under heaven.**”

- Pentecost was always the most attended festival of all the major festivals
- That time of the year the weather made traveling easier.

**Vs. 6** “And **when this sound occurred**, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.”

- What **sound** were they talking about? Mighty rushing wind or believers speaking in the tongues of other nations.
- The crowd could either hear them through the windows or some believers had spilled out onto the balcony.

**Vs. 7** “Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, ‘Look, are not all these who speak **Galileans?**’”

- People from Galilee were known to be uncultured and poor speakers.
- Galileans were looked down upon by the people of Jerusalem.

**Vs. 8-13**

It talks of people from every tribe and tongue under heaven

**Vs. 12** “So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

- A spirit powered manifestation needs an **explanation**
- A manifestation needs a **proclamation**, and Peter is about to do that in vs. 14-39

## **5 Signs of a Last Days Church**

- **Vs 17**

1. No Spirit barriers: I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh.
2. No gender barriers – your sons and daughters shall prophesy
3. No age barriers – visions and dreams for young and old

- **Vs. 18-21**

4. No economic barriers – slaves and slave owners
5. No religious barriers – Jews and Gentiles alike

## **Peter’s Sermon**

- **Vs. 14-39**

- One of the evidences of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is you will receive power to witness to unbelievers.
- I can think of no greater example than boldness of Peter here, after denying Christ three times.
- **Vs. 16-21**
  - Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32.
    - Young men will see visions.
      - **My vision of the Front Range corridor**
    - Old men will dream dreams.
- **Vs. 25-33**
  - Peter quotes Psalm 16.
- **Vs. 34-36**
  - Peter quotes Psalm 110.
- **Vs. 37-39**

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**’”

- **This may be the most important question of the day.**

“Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 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.’”