



The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit - Part 10

Title: The day of Pentecost.



Introduction:

Of all the important days in history, the day of Pentecost must surely be ranked near the top. At this time, the Holy Spirit performed one of his greatest and most far-reaching works.

Text: Acts 2:1-4 NLT:

The Holy Spirit Comes

1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

The background of Pentecost, just minutes before his dramatic ascension, our resurrected Lord commanded his disciples .

Acts 1:4 NLT:

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, **“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before**

The promise of the father, was a reference to the arrival of the Holy Spirit.



Joel 2:28 NLT:

The LORD's Promise of His Spirit
28 "Then, after doing all those things,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your old men will dream dreams,
and your young men will see visions.

Acts 1:16 KJV:

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

Jn. 14:16 KJV:

6 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jn. 14:26 KJV:

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jn. 15:26 KJV:

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Jn. 16:7 KJV:

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

The Holy Spirit had, of course (as we have seen) already performed an Old Testament ministry, but now, his work was to introduce three completely new elements.

His new ministry was to be universal. Previously, the Holy Spirit had confined his work among humanity to the nation of Israel.

There is no record before the Book of Acts that he fell upon the Greeks, Romans, Babylonians, or others. But here in Acts, he came to bless all repentant sinners everywhere.

It was to be permanent. Although the Holy Spirit did come upon certain Old Testament men, he often departed from them as well.

As illustrated by Samson.

Jdg. 14:6 NLT:

6 At that moment the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him, and he ripped the lion's jaws apart with his bare hands. He did it as easily as if it were a young goat. But he didn't tell his father or mother about

Jdg.14:19 NLT:

19 Then the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon him. He went down to the town of Ashkelon, killed thirty men, took their belongings, and gave their clothing to the men who had solved his riddle. But Samson was furious about what had happened, and he went back home to live with his father and mother.

Jdg. 15:15 NLT:

15 Then he found the jawbone of a recently killed donkey. He picked it up and killed 1,000 Philistines with it.

Jdg. 16:20 NLT:

20 Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!”

When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the LORD had left him.

As illustrated by Saul.

1 Sam. 10:10 NLT:

10 In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”



1 Sam. 16:14 NLT:

David Serves in Saul's Court

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had left Saul, and the LORD sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear.

As illustrated by David.

1 Sam. 16:13 NLT:

13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

So far as it can be determined, the Holy Spirit remained with him until his death. However, David realized that the Holy Spirit could depart, and on at least one occasion, he pleaded with the Lord about this matter.

Ps. 51:11 NLT:

11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. It was to be a perfecting. That is to say, his new ministry would now be to make all repenting sinners grow in grace and be like Jesus. This was not the case in the Old Testament. There is no indication that the moral and spiritual nature of either Saul or Samson was advanced by the presence of the Holy Spirit. They apparently derived only his power, not his purity.

The chronology of Pentecost.

Pentecost comes from a Greek word that simply means fifty.

It is the third of six great Israelite feasts mentioned in **Leviticus 23**.

These feasts actually summarize the entire future work of the Trinity in the New Testament.

A. Reference to the unleavened bread feast - a reference to Calvary

Lev 23: 4-8 KJV:

4 “In addition to the Sabbath, these are the LORD’s appointed festivals, the official days for holy assembly that are to be celebrated at their proper times each year.

Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

5 “The LORD’s Passover begins at sundown on the fourteenth day of the first month.

6 On the next day, the fifteenth day of the month, you must begin celebrating the Festival of Unleavened Bread. This festival to the LORD continues for seven days, and during that time the bread you eat must be made without yeast.

7 On the first day of the festival, all the people must stop their ordinary work and observe an official day for holy assembly.

8 For seven days you must present special gifts to the LORD. On the seventh day the people must again stop all their ordinary work to observe an official day for holy assembly.”

B. Reference to the resurrection.

Lev 23:9-14 NLT:

Celebration of First Harvest

9 Then the LORD said to Moses,

10 “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. When you enter the land I am giving you and you harvest its first crops, bring the priest a bundle of grain from the first cutting of your grain harvest.

11 On the day after the Sabbath, the priest will lift it up before the LORD so it may be accepted on your behalf.

12 On that same day you must sacrifice a one-year-old male lamb with no defects as a burnt offering to the LORD.

13 With it you must present a grain offering consisting of four quarts of choice flour moistened with olive oil. It will be a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. You must also offer one quart of wine as a liquid offering.

14 Do not eat any bread or roasted grain or fresh kernels on that day until you bring this offering to your God. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation wherever you live.

Reference to the feast of seven weeks. (a prophetic reference to Pentecost)

Lev 23: 15-21 NLT:

The Festival of Harvest

15 “From the day after the Sabbath—the day you bring the bundle of grain to be lifted up as a special offering—count off seven full weeks.

16 Keep counting until the day after the seventh Sabbath, fifty days later. Then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

17 From wherever you live, bring two loaves of bread to be lifted up before the LORD as a special offering. Make these loaves from four quarts of choice flour, and bake them with yeast. They will be an offering to the LORD from the first of your crops.

18 Along with the bread, present seven one-year-old male lambs with no defects, one young bull, and two rams as burnt offerings to the LORD. These burnt offerings, together with the grain offerings and liquid offerings, will be a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

19 Then you must offer one male goat as a sin offering and two one-year-old male lambs as a peace offering.

20 “The priest will lift up the two lambs as a special offering to the LORD, together with the loaves representing the first of your crops. These offerings, which are holy to the LORD, belong to the priests.

21 That same day will be proclaimed an official day for holy assembly, a day on which you do no ordinary work. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation wherever you live.

D. The feast of Trumpets.

(a reference to the rapture and Second Coming of Christ)

Lev 23:23–25 NLT:

The Festival of Trumpets

23 The LORD said to Moses,

24 “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. On the first day of the appointed month in early autumn, you are to observe a day of complete rest. It will be an official day for holy assembly, a day commemorated with loud blasts of a trumpet.

25 You must do no ordinary work on that day. Instead, you are to present special gifts to the LORD.”E. The feast of Atonement.

Lev 23:26–32 NLT:

(a reference to the coming tribulation)

The Day of Atonement

26 Then the LORD said to Moses,

27 “Be careful to celebrate the Day of Atonement on the tenth day of that same month—nine days after the Festival of Trumpets. You must observe it as an official day for holy assembly, a day to deny yourselves and present special gifts to the LORD.

28 Do no work during that entire day because it is the Day of Atonement, when offerings of purification are made for you, making you right with the LORD your God.

29 All who do not deny themselves that day will be cut off from God's people.

30 And I will destroy anyone among you who does any work on that day.

31 You must not do any work at all! This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation wherever you live.

32 This will be a Sabbath day of complete rest for you, and on that day you must deny yourselves. This day of rest will begin at sundown on the ninth day of the month and extend until sundown on the tenth day.”

F. The feast of Tabernacle.

(a reference to the millennium)

Lev 23:33–43 NLT:

The Festival of Shelters

33 And the LORD said to Moses,

34 “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. Begin celebrating the Festival of Shelters on the fifteenth day of the appointed month—five days after the Day of Atonement. This festival to the LORD will last for seven days.

35 On the first day of the festival you must proclaim an official day for holy assembly, when you do no ordinary work.

36 For seven days you must present special gifts to the LORD. The eighth day is another holy day on which you present your special gifts to the LORD. This will be a solemn occasion, and no ordinary work may be done that day.

37 (“These are the LORD’s appointed festivals. Celebrate them each year as official days for holy assembly by presenting special gifts to the LORD—burnt offerings, grain offerings, sacrifices, and liquid offerings—each on its proper day.

38 These festivals must be observed in addition to the LORD’s regular Sabbath days, and the offerings are in addition to your personal gifts, the offerings you give to fulfill your vows, and the voluntary offerings you present to the LORD.)

39 “Remember that this seven-day festival to the LORD—the Festival of Shelters—begins on the fifteenth day of the appointed month, after you have harvested all the produce of the land. The first day and the eighth day of the festival will be days of complete rest.

40 On the first day gather branches from magnificent trees—palm fronds, boughs from leafy trees, and willows that grow by the streams. Then celebrate with joy before the LORD your God for seven days.

41 You must observe this festival to the LORD for seven days every year. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed in the appointed month from generation to generation.

42 For seven days you must live outside in little shelters. All native-born Israelites must live in shelters. 43 This will remind each new generation of Israelites that I made their ancestors live in shelters when I rescued them from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.”

The comparisons of Pentecost.

New Testament Pentecost may be compared to Old Testament Pentecost. Old Testament Pentecost occurred fifty days after Israel left Egypt.

Ex. 12:1-2 NLT:

The First Passover

1 While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron:

2 “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you.

Ex. 12:6 NLT:

6 “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight.

Ex. 12:12 NLT:

12 On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD!

Ex. 12:31 NLT:

Israel's Exodus from Egypt

31 Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron during the night. "Get out!" he ordered. "Leave my people—and take the rest of the Israelites with you! Go and worship the LORD as you have requested.

Fifty days later they arrived at Mt. Sinai.



Ex. 19:1 NLT:

The LORD Reveals Himself at Sinai

1 Exactly two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai.

New Testament Pentecost occurred fifty days after Christ rose from the dead.

Note: Our Lord was, of course, crucified during the passover week in April.

Jn. 19:14 NLT:

14 It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, “Look, here is your king!”

He spent forty days with his disciples after the resurrection.

Acts 1:3 NLT:

3 During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

Then some ten days later, New Testament Pentecost occurred.

Acts 1:5 NLT:

5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:1 NLT:

The Holy Spirit Comes

1 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

Old Testament Pentecost celebrated the birthday - that of the nation Israel.



Ex.19:5-6 NLT:

5 Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me.

6 And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’ This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.”

The bible teaches that angels were involved in the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai.

Acts 7:53 NLT:

53 You deliberately disobeyed God’s law, even though you received it from the hands of angels.”

Gal. 3:19 NLT:

19 Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people.



New Testament Pentecost celebrated a birthday-that of the church.

Acts 2:41-47 NLT:

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

The Believers Form a Community

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.

44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—

47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Old Testament Pentecost witnessed the slaying of some - 3,000 souls.

Ex. 32:28 NLT:

28 The Levites obeyed Moses' command, and about 3,000 people died that day.

Israel's worship of the golden calf, while encamped at the base of Mt. Sinai, was a tragic episode in its history.



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Acts 2:41 NLT:

41 Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

What an incredible contrast is observed between these two Pentecosts. In fact, the difference is so significant that Paul dedicates an entire chapter in one of his epistles to discussing it.

Note but two verses in this chapter.

2 COR. 3:5-6 NLT:

5 It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.

6 He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.

Old Testament Pentecost was introduced in a mighty way.

Ex. 19:16 NLT:

16 On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn, and all the people trembled.

Ex. 19:18 NLT:

8 All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the LORD had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently.

New Testament Pentecost was introduced in a mighty way.

Acts 2:2-3 NLT:

2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

New Testament Pentecost can be compared to Bethlehem.

At Bethlehem, God the Father was preparing a body for His Son to work through.

Heb. 10:5 NLT:

5 That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer.

At Pentecost God the Father was preparing a body for his Spirit to work through.

1 Cor. 6:19 NLT:

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

2 Cor. 6:16 NLT:

16 And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one."

New Testament Pentecost may be compared to Old Testament Babel. At Babel we see sinful men working for their own glory.

Gen. 11:4 NLT:

4 Then they said, "Come, let's build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world."

At Pentecost we see saved men waiting for God's glory.

Acts 1:14 NLT:

14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

At Babel God confounded man's language.

Gen. 11:9 NLT:

9 That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

At Pentecost God clarified man's language.

Acts 2:8 NLT:

8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

At Babel scattered men throughout the world.

GEN. 11:9 NLT:

9 That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

At Pentecost God gathered men within the church.

Eph. 1:10 NLT:

10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.



How do I ask Jesus to come into my life?



How do we get right with God, regardless of my sins?

Lord Jesus, I ask You to please come into my life, and to forgive me of all my sins, and I ask You to become my Lord and Savior, from this day forward.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and that you have been made a new creation in Christ Jesus, and that ALL of your sins have been forgiven, and that you have Eternal life with our father in Heaven.

For Jesus Says to all of us: Jn.14:6 NIV:

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I encourage You, to get in a good bible teaching church, so that you may grow in Christ Jesus, so that HE may use you to preach and teach, the Good News!

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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