

PENTECOST: THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 2:1–13

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

- I. The Original Pentecost: The Feast of Weeks, the Firstfruits of the Harvest (1:1; Exo 23:16; 34:22; Lev 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31; Deu 16:9-12)

- II. The Fulfillment of Pentecost
 - A. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (2:2-4; 1:4-5; Ezek 37; Exod 3)

 - B. The Inauguration of the New Covenant Temple of God (2:2-4; Luke 23:45; 2 Chron 7:1)

 - C. The Firstfruits of the Harvest of the Nations into One Church (2:5-13, 41; Gen 10-11; 1 Cor 12:13)

- III. Application: The Significance of Pentecost for Believers Today
 - A. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1:5; 8:14-17; 10:44-47; 1 Cor 12:12-13)

 - B. The Filling of the Holy Spirit (2:4; 4:8; 4:31; Eph 5:18-21)

“Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from his fruit, and no effective witness without his power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.” —John Stott

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What are the signs of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? What is their significance?
2. Is Pentecost a repeatable event? What is unique that happened that day? What is repeated in the lives of believers today?
3. What does the Scripture teach regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the filling of the Holy Spirit?