

Great Stories of the Bible - 06/26/22

Pentecost

TEXT- Acts 2:1-13 *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come*

Acts 2:16 *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*

INTRO – Leviticus 23 details seven feasts the Lord instituted for Israel to commemorate yearly. There are four Spring feasts in March or April and three feasts in September/October.

It begins with the Passover day followed by a week of unleavened bread. Ending in the Feast of First Fruits. Fifty Days after the Feast of First Fruits was the day of Pentecost.

Spring Feasts

Passover – Pictured by Christ's crucifixion,

Unleavened Bread – Pictured his burial

Feast of First fruits - Pictured His resurrection

Pentecost – Pictured the coming for the Holy Spirit

Fall Feasts

Feast of Trumpets – Pictures the rapture of the church

Day of Atonement – Pictures the Second coming of Christ

The Feast of Tabernacles – Pictures the Millennial Kingdom

Feast of Weeks - Pentecost

The name "Feast of Weeks" was given because God commanded the Jews in Leviticus 23:15-16, to count seven full weeks (or 49 days) after Passover, and then present offerings of new grain to the Lord as a lasting ordinance. Initially, it was a festival for expressing thankfulness to the Lord for the blessing of the harvest.

- THE SOUND OF A MIGHTY WIND
- THE APPEARANCE OF CLOVEN TONGUES OF FIRE
- FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST
- SPAKE WITH OTHER LANGUAGES
- THIS WAS A SIGN TO THE JEWS

Pentecost pictures the coming of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor 12:13

I. The Explanation Acts 2:22-36

Peter now proved to the Jews that Jesus Christ was alive. He used five very convincing arguments:

A. Christ's Person and life demand that He be raised from the dead
Acts 2:22-24 He who raised others could not remain dead himself!

Jn 10:17-18 *Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.*

B. Psa 16:8-11 predicted the resurrection **Acts 2:25-31**

C. The apostles themselves were witnesses of the risen Christ

D. The coming of the Spirit is proof Jesus is alive **Acts 2:33**

E. Psa 110:1 promised His resurrection **Acts 2:33-35**.

Peter was accusing Israel of a great crime and warning them that they had rejected and crucified their own Messiah **Acts 2:36**.

Peter was giving Israel one more opportunity to receive Christ.

They had slain John the Baptist and Jesus, but God was now giving them another chance. The resurrection of Christ was the promised "sign of Jonah" that proved He was the Messiah **Mat 12:38-40**.

II. The Revelation

Luke 24:49 *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*
Acts 1:8 *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

A. Pentecost reveals the work of a triune God in our salvation.

Pentecost is the day when God clearly demonstrates that salvation and redemption are the work of the triune God. The Father is the source, the initiator, and the final goal of all the redemptive acts of God. The Son is the embodiment of the mission of God. The work of salvation is accomplished through His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

The Holy Spirit is the empowering presence of God who makes us holy.

B. The Holy Spirit now dwells among us.

1 Corinthians 6:19 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

The Holy Spirit is God Himself acting in this world and in our lives.

He draws us by His grace to the Father.

He intercedes with us and within us, helping us to pray.

The Holy Spirit teaches and admonishes us when we read Scripture.

He gives us the gift of discernment and godly wisdom.

He applies and nurtures the fruit of the Spirit in our lives

The Holy Spirit assures us of our forgiveness and our adoption

In short, the Holy Spirit mediates the presence of God in our lives.

C. The Holy Spirit empowers the church.

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would empower us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth **Acts 1:8**. It is the Holy Spirit who enables the church to serve sacrificially and to be an effective witness unto Christ and the gospel.

D. The Holy Spirit makes us holy.

The presence of the Holy Spirit leads to holiness in our lives and the world. As God's empowering presence, the Holy Spirit embodies the New Creation, including purity of holiness.

God's transformative work infuses not only our individual lives, but also the whole structure of culture and society. We are the salt of the earth. Moreover, holiness is not only personal and social; it is also missional.

III. The Result of the Coming of the Holy Spirit

A. The disciples received miraculous empowerment

- 1. They spoke in an unlearned language**
- 2. They had power to witness**
- 3. They baptized and taught the new converts**
- 4. Souls were healed – Demons cast out**

B. The church was empowered and unified

- 1. Souls were saved (5,000) and added daily**
- 2. The church was unified**
- 3. The gospel was preached**
- 4. The church was formed**

The church is the only cooperative society in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members. William Temple.

IV. The Work of the Holy Spirit Today

- The personality of the Holy Spirit**
- The deity of the holy Spirit**

A. He convicts men of sin

John 16:8 *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

B. He regenerates a lost soul

John 3:5-6 *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

C. We are sealed by the Spirit

D. We are comforted by the Spirit

E. We are united by the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

F. We are to walk in the Spirit

G. We are to be filled with the Spirit

H. We are to bear the fruit of the Spirit

CONCL- The Spirit gave them unity of heart and mind and added believers to the assembly day by day.

We must not quench the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 *Quench not the Spirit.*