

The New Testament Church
The Holy Spirit #5 – The Meaning of Pentecost
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I Review of John 14-16 – Jesus teaching on the Holy Spirit’s “job description”

- A. The Holy Spirit is God - the one (transcendant) and many (imminent) - Elohim
 - 1. Jn. 20:21-22 – Jesus appeared – *peace I give you, receive the Holy Spirit – regenerated*
 - 2. Acts 2:1-4 – The day of Pentecost – *be baptized in the Holy Spirit - empowerment*
- B. John 14 - Great Transition – Holy Spirit **comforts** and **convicts** – defending our position
- C. John 15 - Abiding in Christ – the **comforter** – an experiential help to live in the Holy Spirit
- D. John 16 – The work of the Spirit as **attorney** – convicting of sin, righteousness, judgment
- E. John 17 – Overcoming the world, worldliness taken out of us, sent into to **influence** it

II The Feast of Pentecost – Exodus 19:17-20; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Acts 2:1-4 – His Presence

- A. The Feasts of the Lord in the Old Testament are patterns fulfilled in Christ:
 - 1. Passover – you must be born again – the Holy Spirit resides within
 - 2. Pentecost – **empowered** (filled, baptized) by the Spirit to keep covenant (Everything changes when His Presence arrives – humility – all we have we owe to Him!)
 - 3. Tabernacles – He shall come again and dwell with His people
- B. Pentecost means 50th – the 50th day following Passover – Jubilee!
 - 1. Jesus imparted the Spirit to disciples after the resurrection, now *empowered*
 - a. Water baptism a sign of the covenant in the OT; and now the
 - b. **Baptism** in the Spirit is empowerment (His presence) to keep the New Covenant
 - 2. Mt. Sinai convocation and Mt. Zion empowerment are directly related
 - a. Mt. Sinai was where the Law was delivered to Moses on two tablets
 - b. Mt. Zion is when we are **empowered** to keep the covenant in the fear of God
 - 3. Moses ascended on Mt. Sinai 40 days after Passover, Jesus ascended 40 days after
 - a. Moses ascended to get the Law to instruct the people on how to live
 - b. Jesus ascended after giving the Great **Commission** – evangelize and disciple
 - 4. The Law was **written** “by the finger of God” on tables; now on the heart
 - a. God wrote the Ten Commandments – first alphabet in history!
 - b. In the Spirit, the law is written in our **hearts** – walk with God and each other!
 - 5. The Voice of God “thundered” on Sinai, the Spirit spoke with tongues at Pentecost
 - a. The thunder and lightning was the “**voice** of God” – terrified the people
 - b. The tongues of fire was the voice of God speaking the gospel at Pentecost
 - c. The mission of sharing the gospel with grace (love) and truth (righteousness) *has inspired the church to take the gospel to every people group before the “end”*
 - 6. Three thousand **died** at Sinai (judgment); three thousand **converted** at Pentecost
 - a. Those who came too close to the mountain were killed – (boundaries were grace)
 - b. The gospel - Christ died, took our judgment – we die to self – repent, are converted
 - 7. God **shook** the **earth** at Sinai; but now He shakes our earth to bring the Kingdom
 - a. He shook the earth that all might know He is God – Sovereign (Heb. 12:25ff)
 - b. Now he shakes our earth that the Kingdom might come forth in each of us!
- C. Purpose of Pentecost – Acts 1:8 – **Missions** – (excerpt of Anthony’s sermon 1228 AD)
 - 1. Israel’s mission at Sinai was to proclaim what life was like under Jehovah
 - 2. The Church’s mission from Pentecost is to proclaim what life is like under Jesus!