

The Day of Pentecost – 2021

Saturday, 5/22 at 4:00 & Sunday, 5/23 at 9:00



Text: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Today is the Day of Pentecost; here is some history and meaning:

- The 7 annual OT festivals – see [Leviticus chapter 23](#); festival 3 – Firstfruits; festival 4 – Pentecost.
- Pentecost in Greek means 50; Firstfruits to Pentecost was 50 days; Jesus was raised on the day of Firstfruits.
- OT: Pentecost looked back to God’s giving of the Law. NT: Pentecost celebrates the sending of the HS.

In this sermon, Jesus and His disciples are in the upper room and He is teaching them about the Spirit’s coming and work.

1. **He Testifies about Jesus:** Jesus said to His disciples:
²⁶ **“When the Helper [that is, the Holy Spirit] comes, whom I will send to you from the Father [from the F, to the S, to the disciples], that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, ²⁷ and you will testify**

also, because you have been with Me from the beginning...

- a. How did the Spirit testify about Jesus to His disciples?
Jesus said to His disciples: "...the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (John 14:26 NAU).
 - b. How did Jesus' disciples testify to others? **By the work and power of the Spirit** they †told the truth, †called people to repent, and †wrote the NT Scriptures.
2. **He Helps Believers:** Earlier in chapter 16, Jesus told His disciples that †they would be put out of the synagogues and †people would think they were serving God by killing them. Then Jesus said: ^{16:4b} **These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.** ⁵ **"But now I am going to [the Father] who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'"** ⁶ **"But because I have said these things to you [regarding †the troubles that will come upon you and †Me leaving you], sorrow has filled your heart.** ⁷ **"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.**
- a. The Holy Trinity and salvation:
 - i. The **Father** made the plan and sent His **Son**.
 - ii. The **Son** took away the sin of the world.
 - iii. The **Holy Spirit** was sent to make the **Son** known and move people to repent (**S—H—H—S—J**).
 - b. Sorrow and joy: Within 18 hours or so of Jesus saying those words He was dead – **sorrow**, but God raised Him up on the third day – **joy!**

- c. Help: 40 days after Jesus was raised, *He left, thus He ascended into heaven*. Since ✦ Jesus was gone and ✦ trouble was coming for the disciples, *they were richly blessed with the coming of the HS 50 days after Easter*.

3. **He Convicts the World**:

- a. ⁸ **“And [the Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict the [unbelievers in the] world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment... // How does the HS do His work? Back then and today:**
- i. Christians share God’s Truth with others.
 - ii. Then the HS works through that truth to show unbelievers that they are guilty.
- b. These are the three topics of guilt...
- i. ⁹ **concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me... // ✦ Everyone is terminally ill with sin and ✦ Jesus is the only cure; when those realities are made known, ✦ some will repent 😊 and ✦ some will further harden their hearts to God’s saving truth 😞.**
 - ii. ¹⁰ **concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me... // Many try *unsuccessfully* to make themselves righteous by 😞 lowering God’s requirement **or** 😞 denying their sins **or** 😞 blaming others for their sins. But only through Jesus – who ascended to the Father – can a person be righteous!**
 - iii. ¹¹ **concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. // Even though people deny the coming judgment, they should realize ✦ Satan has been judged already and ✦ they will also be judged – *unless they repent*.**

4. **He Tells the Truth:** ¹² “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ “He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁵ “All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. // The Spirit enables us to...
- Understand the Bible: As we ♣hear, ♣read, and ♣study the Bible – *the HS enables us to understand the Bible!*
 - Live the Bible: Once we understand the Bible – *the HS enables us to live the Bible!*
 - Share the Bible: Once we realize the great benefits of the Bible (♣forgiveness, ♣peace, ♣guidance) – *the HS encourages us to share the Bible with others!*

Conclusion:

- **Truth** – Believers have the Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16).
- **Relevance** – Believers understand, live, and share the Bible.
- **Inspiration** – Believer’s share; then the Spirit convicts.

Let Us Pray: Dear HS, grow ♣our understand, ♣our living for Christ, and ♣our desire to share the Bible with others!

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