

The Day of Pentecost – 2022

Saturday, 6/4 at 4:00 & Sunday, 6/5 at 9:00



Text: John 14:23-31; Acts 2:1-21 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: 50 days after Easter, *the HS was given to richly bless all believers!* Let us be very serious about being **connected**, **powered**, and **guided!**

John 14:23-31 – AD 30: Jesus and His disciples are in the upper room *late on Holy Thursday / early on Good Friday.*

- Let us love Jesus:** ²³ Jesus answered and said to [Judas] [the son of James (not Judas Iscariot)], “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him [the one who keeps My word], and We [My Father and I] will come to him and make Our abode [home] with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.” // **We—need; Jesus—gave all; we—love Him.** Jesus’ word is His teaching; to keep it means to accept it, cherish it, and live it. “...the keeping of the commandments of Christ is an evidence and proof of faith” (Kretzmann).

2. **Looking ahead to the Day of Pentecost:** ²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you *[during My ministry]*. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”
3. **A precious gift:** ²⁷ “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful *[because your sins are forgiven]*.” [What peace? ...the peace which Jesus was about to earn for them through His suffering and death, **peace with God through His blood** (Kretzmann).
4. **It was good for Jesus to go away:** ²⁸ “You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away *[to the Father in heaven]*, and I will come to you *[when I return at the end of the age]*.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I *[in My present form]*. ²⁹ Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.”
5. **Jesus’ time with His disciples was ending:** ³⁰ “I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; ³¹ but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me *[like going to the cross to win the victory over sin, death, and Satan]*. Get up, let us go from here.”

HYMN: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Acts 2:1-21 – Good Friday + 53 days: The Holy Spirit came from the Father, to Jesus, to the believers.

1. **The Day of Pentecost:** ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come *[50 days after the festival of Firstfruits, which is the day Jesus was raised from the dead]*, they were all together in one

place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them [each one of the twelve]. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other [languages], as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

2. **Jews living in Jerusalem who were not born in Jerusalem:**

⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were [confused] because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own [first] language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?

3. **The people groups now living in Jerusalem:**

⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia [Fri-



ge'-a] and Pamphylia [Pam-fee'le-a], Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene [Cyrene], and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.”

4. **Something is going on:** ¹² And they all continued in amazement and [at a loss to understand], saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine [drunk].”

5. **Peter explained:** ¹⁴ But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. ¹⁵ For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day [thus, 9 am]; ¹⁶ but **this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:**

- a. **The pouring out of the HS and the results:** ¹⁷ ‘...it shall be in the last days [between Jesus’ ascension and return],’ God says, ‘that I will pour forth of my Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy [speak my word], and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of my Spirit and they shall prophesy.’ // All believers ♣ have the HS, ♣ should grow in God’s word, and ♣ should keep speaking God’s word (Joshua 1:8).
- b. **The return of Jesus and the end of the world:** ¹⁹ ‘...I will grant wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and glorious day of the lord shall come. ²¹ And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the lord will be saved.’ // Now is the time of speaking God’s truth and calling everyone to repent and believe, then Jesus will return!

Let Us Pray: Dear HS, fill us! Then cause us to love the Bible, grow up in Jesus, and keep calling others to repent to believe!

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