

The Day of Pentecost – 2024

Saturday, 5/18 at 4:00 & Sunday, 5/19 at 9:00



Text: Acts 2:1-21 NAS 1995

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: **Today** is the Day of Pentecost – *a significant day in the Christian Church!*

Each Person of the Trinity has an Important Day:

- **Christmas:** The Father – *He gave His Son!*
- **Good Friday:** The Son – *He paid for all sins!*
- **Pentecost:** The H.S. – *He helps us do God's will!*

In this sermon we will focus on the traditional Day of Pentecost reading from **Acts 2**. Today's sermon will help us:

- Understand what happened.
- Consider the various reactions.
- Realize our part as twenty-first century believers.
- Communicate a sense of urgency to others.

1. **Filled with the HS:** ¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they [possibly the 120 (Acts 1:15)] were all together in one place [probably in one of many temple-halls]. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house [or hall] where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them [the 12 apostles]. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues [they had not learned], as the Spirit was giving them utterance [to prove to those who gathered that the Holy Spirit was present]. // For example: If I began to fluently speak another language, that would be by the Holy Spirit!
2. **Speaking by the HS:** ⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem [not just visiting], devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together [over 3,000 (2:41)], and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own [local] language [the language spoken in the place where each person was from]. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans [“...an expression of contempt, referring to people who knew no other dialect than their own, and were considered uneducated and ignorant of other languages” (Bible Hub)]? ⁸ And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born [spoken in each of our hometowns]? ⁹ “Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around 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.” // They spoke what is **most important**: Talking about the mighty deeds of God! So much of our talk is insignificant. Let us focus on speaking of God’s mighty deeds – like creation, *and redemption through Jesus!*

3. **Three Reactions:** ¹² **And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”** ¹³ **But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”**

- a. Amazed: *Beyond their comprehension – WOW!*
- b. Perplexed: *Struggling to understand – WHAT DOES IT MEAN!*
- c. Mocked: *Putting down the apostles – IGNORING GOD’S IMPORTANT MESSAGE!*

4. **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 [addressing those who came for the festival **and** those who lived in Jerusalem], **let this be known to you and give heed to my words. [The speaking is NOT from wine:]** ¹⁵ **For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day [that is, 9 AM];** ¹⁶ **but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel [and is being fulfilled in your presence]:** // As I conclude with a prophecy from Joel, I’m going to break it down into three key parts.**

- a. **Joel – Part 1:** Believers Sharing God’s Word: ¹⁷ **‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS [from Pentecost to Jesus’ return],’ God says, ‘**THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND [With what results?] YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL****

PROPHECY, 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.** // *The Holy Spirit desires to work through every believer to share God's word with others!*

- b. **Joel – Part 2: Reminders of Jesus' Return:** ¹⁹ **'AND 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.'** // Unusual things have happened and continue to happen in the sky and on earth. With each occurrence, *let us remember that Jesus will eventually come "like a thief in the night" (1 Th. 5:2) – at a time when unbelievers are NOT prepared, like the time when God sent the worldwide flood (Mt. 24:37-39).*
- c. **Joel – Part 3: The Way to be Ready:** ²¹ **'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'** // God has made the way for everyone through Jesus! **NOW** is the moment for all unbelievers to repent and believe – *before it is too late!*

Let Us Pray: Dear HS, when we were baptized, You clothed us with Jesus' sinless life and came to live within us – TY! Please ➡fill us, ➡help us to share God's word, and ➡bring many to know Jesus as Savior and Lord!

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