

## PENTECOST ACTS 2

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AND THE FULLFILLMENT OF PROMISE. THE LORD GOD PROMISED HE WOULD SEND HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO BAPTIZE HIS PEOPLE IN POWER AND PRESENCE. THE SAME POWER AND AUTHORITY THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST OPERATED UNDER, IS THE SAME POWER AND AUTHORITY HE GIVES HIS CHURCH. WHY? TO BE EFFECTIVE IN OUR WITNESS OF THE REALITY THAT HE IS THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE OUR GOD. THIS IS PENTECOST SUNDAY CHURCH!! THE FEAST OF WEEKS OR THE HARVEST OF FIRST FRUITS WAS AN ANNUAL JEWISH FEAST HELD IN JERUSALEM AND WAS LIKELY THE BEST ATTENDED OF THE THREE REQUIRED FEASTS (FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, FEAST OF WEEKS, AND THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES) BECAUSE WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE BEST FOR TRAVEL. PENTECOST IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE DAY OF FIRST FRUITS. PENTEKOSTE LITERALLY MEANS FIFTIETH, BECAUSE IT IS TO TAKE PLACE 50 DAYS AFTER PASSOVER. INTERESTING FACT: THE FIRST PENTECOST HAPPENED 50 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST PASSOVER WHEN MOSES RECEIVED AND SHARED THE 10 COMMANDMENTS WITH ISRAEL. ISRAEL RECEIVED THE LAW ON TABLETS. IN THE NEW COVENANT, 50 DAYS AFTER PASSOVER, CHRIST'S CHURCH IS FILLED COMPLETELY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. NOW THE LAW IS WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US THE POWER TO LIVE THIS OUT. AS WE STUDY THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH TODAY REMEMBER THIS, THEY HAD NO BUILDING, NO

MONEY, NO POLITICAL INFLUENCE, NO SOCIAL STATUS- AND YET THE CHURCH WON MULTITUDES TO CHRIST WITH THE ENERGIZING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD!! LET'S GET STARTED. THE AUTHOR OF ACTS IS LUKE.

Acts 1:1-8 NIV

**1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

JESUS GAVE AN ORDER TO HIS DISCIPLES.....WAIT AND THEN WITNESS. AFTER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE, JESUS TELLS THEM "DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT". "YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER TO BE MY WITNESSES"

Acts 2:1 NIV

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

CAME/SYMPLEROO/TO BE SWAMPED, TO BE FULFILLED  
ALL TOGETHER/HOMOTHUMADON/ONE MIND, ONE PURPOSE

10 DAYS AFTER THE ASCENSION OF JESUS, 120 OF GOD'S  
PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE 12 APOSTLES WERE OBEDIANTLY  
WAITING FOR THE PROMISE, THEY TRUSTED GOD TO FULFILL  
HIS PROMISE (POSSIBLY THE SAME UPPER ROOM OF LAST  
SUPPER)

DO WE HAVE THIS KIND OF FAITH?

Acts 2:2 NIV

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

GOD'S TIMING IS ALWAYS PERFECT. DAY AFTER DAY THEY  
WAITED, THEN SUDDENLY THE SOUND OF A HURRICANE  
COMPLETELY FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE

WIND/PNOE/BREATH.....SPIRIT/PNEUMA/WIND, BREATH  
HOUSE/OIKOS/HOME, BY EXTENSION: FAMILY, LINEAGE

THE VERY BREATH OF GOD THAT BLEW LIFE INTO ADAM NOW  
BLEW NEW LIFE INTO THE CHURCH, FROM GOD WITH US TO  
GOD IN US

THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS ALREADY BELIEVED HE IS THE MESSIAH; THIS IS THE MOMENT HIS PROMISE WAS FULFILLED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT'S FULLNESS OF POWER TO THE CHURCH

John 14:16-19 NIV

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

FEAR NOT CHURCH, OUR LORD IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE!!

Acts 2:3 NIV

<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

WIND SPEAKS OF THE POWER OF GOD; FIRE SPEAKS OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD. GOD'S GLORY WAS SEEN AND HEARD

THE TONGUES OF FLAMES WERE SIGNS OF A PERSONAL VISITATION TO THE MIND AND HEART OF THE CHOSEN COMPANY. THIS FIRE DID NOT CONSUME THEM BECAUSE THE LORD HAD PREPARED THEM FOR SUCH A VISITATION. THIS IS A PRIVILEGE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD'S GLORY THAT ILLUMINATES THE MIND AND CLEANSSES THE HEART...THEY WILL NOW BE THE TEACHERS OF GOD'S WORD

THE BURNING BUSH WITH MOSES, THE CLOUD BY DAY AND THE FIRE BY NIGHT WITH THE ISRAELITES IN THE DESERT, THE UPPER ROOM WITH THE CHURCH.....ALL ARE THE MANIFESTED GLORY OF GOD

MANY TIMES, FIRE IS EQUATED WITH JUDGEMENT IN THE BIBLE

Matthew 3:11 NIV

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

CLEANSING WITH FIRE DESCRIBES GOD’S SUPERNATURAL BAPTISM, CONTRASTED WITH THE SYMBOL OF CLEANSING WITH WATER. THE FIRE OF THE SPIRIT RENEWS THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND CONSUMES THE WICKED

Zechariah 13:7-9 NIV

<sup>7</sup> “Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the Lord Almighty.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.<sup>8</sup> In the whole land,” declares the Lord, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.<sup>9</sup> This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

THE FIRE OF GOD IS JUDGEMENT FOR THE SINNER BUT  
CONSECRATION AND REFINING TO THE SAINT

Acts 2:4 NIV

<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

THEY WERE COMPLETELY FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD  
WITH A PURPOSE....TO GIVE WITNESS AND GLORY TO THE  
LIVING CHRIST

TOUNGES/GLOSSA/LANGUAGES

Acts 2:5-6 NIV

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

THIS IS A SIGN GIVEN TO THE JEWS FOR JUDGEMENT AGAINST  
THE PHARISEES. GOD WAS USING UNTRAINED PEOPLE TO  
SPEAK IN OTHER LANGUAGES, DECLARING THE WONDERS OF  
GOD. THE LEAST, LAST, AND THE LOST WERE THE "CHOSEN  
ONES"

THEY ALL HEARD THE BREATH OF GOD AND GATHERED  
AROUND THAT HOUSE

Acts 2:12-13 NIV

<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

WHEN THE SPIRIT MOVES, IT BLOWS PEOPLE AWAY  
SOME WILL MOCK AND TRY TO DISPROVE IT AWAY WITH THEIR  
INTELLECT

\*\*\*\*\*SPEAK ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES OF CHARISMATIC &  
REFORMED\*\*\*\*\*

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 NIV

**14** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. <sup>2</sup> For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. <sup>4</sup> Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. <sup>5</sup> I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU LAND, WE CAN AGREE THAT THE  
HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDES THE BELIEVER WITH POWER TO

WITNESS, PREACH, TEACH, WORSHIP, OBEY GOD'S WORD, AND  
LIVE A CHRIST-LIKE LIFE

\*\*\*\*INVITE THE BAND UP\*\*\*\*

WE NOW SEE PETER, WHO DENIED KNOWING JESUS 3 TIMES,  
PREACH WITH AN ANOINTING HE NEVER HAD BEFORE

Acts 2:17-21 NIV

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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