

The Feast of Pentecost

There were three feasts - 3x they must appear before the Lord

Exo 23:14 ESV "Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me.

- Passover...Pentecost (Feast of Harvest)...Tabernacles (Feast of Ingathering)

Review Passover where we partake through our salvation and water baptism

- Passover - - When I see the blood I will pass over you (**Christ our passover**)
- Unleavened Bread - put away the leaven (buried Egypt in the Red Sea) **BURIED with Christ** in baptism - bury the body of sin
- Firstfruits (Sheaf or Wave Offering) - Christ the firstfruits from the dead
 - We are buried in baptism so we are **RAISED to walk in newness of life**

Pentecost Background (These are all feasts related to harvest)

Lev 23:15-17 ESV "You shall count **seven full weeks** from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering. 16 You shall **count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath**. Then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the LORD.

- a.k.a. **Feast of Weeks** - 7 weeks from waving of the sheaf of firstfruits
- a.k.a. **Pentecost** - it is a transliteration of the Greek - 50 Days
- a.k.a. **Feast of Harvest** - Ex 23:14-16 (first fruit of the wheat harvest)

Historical Event in Israel - The Giving of the Law

Israel Came out of Egypt on Passover - 50 days later [Pentecost] they were at Mt Sinai

- Exodus 16:1 ...came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt.
- Exodus 19:1-2 In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—**on the very day**—they came to the Desert of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Passover took place on the 14th. They left Egypt on the 15th

- 15 days of the first month... + ...30 days the second month = 45 days
- 1st day of the 3rd month at Sinai - Prepare for the 3rd day = 3 or 4 more days
- On or about the 50th day the giving of the Law took place on Mt Sinai

A fearful sight

Exo 19:10-13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, (11) And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. (12) And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: **whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:** (13) There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

At Mt Sinai - the 50th day

Exo 20:18-21 ESV Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." 21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was

NT Fulfillment - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Act 1:3-8 ESV He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, **appearing to them during forty days** and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 **And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father**, which, he said, "you heard from me...; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- Jesus was on the earth 40 days after the resurrection
- WAIT for the promise of the Father (10 days)
- They were to receive power to be witnesses -- to bring in a harvest all over the world

On the Day of Pentecost it happened

Act 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

- It happened when the DAY was fully come
 - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is fulfillment of Pentecost in the life of the believer

The Giving of the Law on Tables of Stone (Ex 24:12)

Deu 5:22-29 ESV "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. **And he wrote them on two tablets of stone** and gave them to me. 23 And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders. 24 And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live. 25 Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? 27 Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.' 28 "And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, **'I have heard the words of this people**, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. 29 **Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments**, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

The New Covenant He writes the Law unto our hearts

- Jer 31:31-34 “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. **I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.** I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”
- Rom 8:1-4 ESV There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**
- Eze 36:26-27 KJV A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And **I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes,** and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

At Sinai (The First Pentecost) – 3000 died

- Exodus 32:28 The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.

On the Day of Pentecost After Christ Died – 3000 were born again

- Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Glory of the New Covenant

2Co 3:6-18 ESV who has made us sufficient to be **ministers of a new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the **letter kills**, but the **Spirit gives life**. 7 Now if the **ministry of death, carved in letters on stone**, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not **the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory?** 9 For if there was glory in **the ministry of condemnation**, the **ministry of righteousness** must far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if **what was being brought to an end came** with glory, much more will **what is permanent** have glory. 12 Since we have such a **hope, we are very bold**, 13 **not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face** so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. 14 But **their minds were hardened**. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same **veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away**. 15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But **when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed**. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom**. 18 And we all, with **unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord**, are being **transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another**. For **this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit**.

The Necessity - 3 x per year attend the feasts - don't stop at Passover

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit lives in us to walk in His ways

But He empowers us to be a witness for Jesus Christ-to call others into salvation

WAIT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE POWER

May we see the necessity and urgency that was in the early church

Act 10:36-38 ESV As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power**. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Rom 15:18-19 KJV For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ**.

Act 9:17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, **that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost**.

Act 19:1-6 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, (2) **He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. (3) And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. (4) Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. (5) When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (6) And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Growth of Pentecostalism

Began in 1900

1 billion by 2050

2 denominations in America are growing - Assemblies and Church of God Cleve Tenn - both pentecostal

If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.....

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