**Pentecost**

Question: Who believe we are living in the last days?

**Acts 2 v 17 (Joel 2 v 28):**

And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, says God,
That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.
**18**And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.
**19**I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
**20**The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.
**21**And it shall come to pass
*That* whoever calls on the name of the Lord
Shall be saved.’

**Celebrating Pentecost**

* Holy Spirit coming to earth
* Birth of the NT church
* Kingdom advancing

**Gateway – this last season: has experienced Holy Spirit in a new, fresh way**

* Gifts of the Spirit displayed
* Healings, prophesy, tongues, words of knowledge, wisdom, faith….
* Picture of people jumping in the river….some still unsure and unwilling to jump….
* Word from the Lord: are you ready for what’s coming?
* Preparing for a new move of God
* Ready, in step with Him

**What is Holy Spirit doing amongst us?**

**Why? What is the purpose? Plan?**

Read: Acts 1 & 2. What happened there?

* What can we learn from scripture?
* Pray that Holy Spirit will fill, change, equip, empower, commission, send us….

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**3 THINGS JESUS DID BEFORE ASCENDING TO HEAVEN**

**Acts 1 v 1 – 3: Luke writing:** the former account *(Gospel of Luke)* I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2**until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had *(1)* **given commandments to the apostles** whom He had chosen, **3**to whom He also *(2)* **presented Himself alive** after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and *(3)* **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.**

1. **COMMANDMENTS TO THE APOSTLES**

**Matthew 22v v37: Great Commandment:** “‘You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ **38**This is *the* first and great commandment. **39**And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.’ **40**On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

**John 13 v 34:** **A New Commandment** I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35**By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Matthew 28 v 18: Great Commission:** “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20**teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

**Specific Commands by Holy Spirit (Moses, Joshua, Dawid, Peter, Paul, etc…**

1. **PRESENTED HIMSELF ALIVE**

Core belief of our faith. We serve a living God

**1 Corinthians 15 v 14 & 17:** And **if Christ is not risen**, then our preaching *is* empty and your **faith *is* also empty**……. And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins!

1. **TAUGHT ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**Matthew 4 v 23:** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

**Parables about the Kingdom**

**Romans 14 v 17** – Paul: for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit.

**John 3 v 3 – Jesus:** “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

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**JESUS PROMISED - 4TH THING THEY WILL NEED**

**Acts 1 v 4:** And being assembled together with *them,* He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to **wait for the Promise of the Father**, “which,” *He said,* “you have heard from Me; **5**for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.”

**Acts 1 v 8:** ….you shall **receive power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be **witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1. **RECEIVE POWER FROM HOLY SPIRIT TO WITNESS**

**Luke 24 v 46 – great commission:** Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the **Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day**, **47**and that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in His name **to all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. **48**And **you are witnesses of these things**. **49**Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father upon you**; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with **power from on high**.”

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**JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN**

**Acts 1 v 9 – 11:** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight**. **10**And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11**who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

**John 16 v 7 – (Jesus):** 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 depart, **I will send Him to you**.

**John 14 v 16 – (Jesus):** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may **abide with you forever**— **17**the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you and will be in you.** **18**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

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**UPPER ROOM PRAYER MEETING**

**Acts 1 v 12:** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. **13**And when they had entered, **they went up into the upper room** where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. **14**These all continued with **one accord in prayer and supplication**, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

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**COMING OF HOLY SPIRIT**

**Acts 2 v 1:** When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house** where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided **tongues, as of fire**, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4**And they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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**CROWD RESPONSE**

**Acts 2 v 5:** And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were **confused**, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. **7**Then they were all **amazed and marveled**, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8**And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9**Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11**Cretans and Arabs—we hear them **speaking in our own tongues** the **wonderful works of God**.” **12**So they were all **amazed and perplexed**, saying to one another, **“Whatever could this mean?”**

**13Others mocking** said, “They are full of new wine.”

**UNDER CONTROL & INFLUENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT**

* Praise God, declare His wonderful works

**REACTION TO THE MANIFESTATION OF HOLY SPIRIT**

1. Confusion, amazement, wonder – What does this mean?
2. Mocked, opposed, against

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**PETER’S SERMON**

**Acts 2 v 14:** But **Peter**, standing up with the eleven, **raised his voice** and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and **heed my words**. **15**For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day.

**BOLDNESS, COURAGE**

* Holy Spirit brings courage (Peter denied Jesus 3 times – Now he preaches)

**Jeremiah 1 v 6 - Jeremiah called:** “Ah, Lord God! Behold, **I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth**.” **7**But the Lord said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. **8Do not be afraid of their faces**,
For I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. **9**Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: “**Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.**

**Mark 13 v 11: Jesus speaking of end times:** And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. **11**But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for **it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit**.

**John 15 v 26 - Jesus:** “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify of Me.**

**John 14 v 26 - Jesus:** 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 things that I said** to you. 27Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid**.

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**HOLY SPIRIT ON ALL**

 **Acts 2 v 16:** But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17**‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
**That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**;
Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**,
Your young men shall see **visions,**
Your old men shall dream **dreams**.
**18**And on My menservants and on My maidservants
**I will pour out My Spirit in those days**;
**And they shall prophesy.**

* All can receive Holy Spirit: No age, gender or social status is excluded.

**Luke 11 v 5 – Jesus tell a story:** Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; **6**for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; **7**and he will answer from within and say, ‘Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you’? **8**I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

**Luke 11 v 9: Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking**

**9**“**So** I say to you, **ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you**. **10**For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **11If a son asks** for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? **12**Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13**If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!**

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**INVITATION & PROMISE FROM GOD**

**Acts 2 v 21:** And it shall come to pass
*That* **whoever calls** on the name of the **Lord**
**Shall be saved**.’

**Romans: 10 v 9, 13**: …that if you **confess with your mouth** the **Lord Jesus** and **believe in your heart** that **God has raised Him** from the dead, **you will be saved. 10**For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**13**For “**whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved**.”

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**HOW SAVED? GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**Acts 2 v 22 – 32: Peter preaches the Gospel message**

* Crucifixion, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension of Jesus

**Romans 1 v 17 - Paul:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the **power of God** to **salvation for everyone who believes**

**1 Corinthians 15 v 1 - Paul**: I declare to you **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received and **in which you stand**, **2**by which also you are **saved**, if you **hold fast** that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **3**For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that *(1)* **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, **4**and that *(2)* **He was buried**, and that *(3)* **He rose again the third day** according to the Scriptures.

**John 3 v 16:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but have **everlasting life**. **17**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the **world through Him might be saved**.

**John 6 v 47 – Jesus:** Most assuredly, I say to you, he who **believes in Me** has everlasting life.

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**JESUS EXALTED**

**Acts 2 v 33, 36:** Therefore (because of His death, burial, resurrection) being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this (Holy Spirit) which you now see and hear.

**36**“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both **Lord and Christ**.”

**Philippians 2 v 6**: **Jesus**…. being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7**but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. **8**And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. **9Therefore** God also has **highly exalted Him** and given Him the **name which is above every name**, **10**that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, **11**and *that* **every tongue should confess** that **Jesus Christ *is* Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

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**CROWDS RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL**

**Acts 2 v 37:** **37**Now when they heard *this,* they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, **what shall we do?**”

**John 16 v 8: Jesus speaking of Holy Spirit:** And when He has come, He will **convict the world** of *(1)* **sin**, and of *(2)* **righteousness**, and of *(3)* **judgment**: **9**of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10**of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11**of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

**38**Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. **39**For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.

**Mark 1 v 14:** …. Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, **15**and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent**, and **believe in the gospel**.”

**Romans 5 v 8:** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.

**1 John 1 v 9:** If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to **forgive us *our* sins** and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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**Acts 2 v 41:** Then those who **gladly received his word** were **baptized**; and that day about **three thousand souls were added to them.**

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RESPOND

* SALVATION – RECEIVE JESUS AS LORD & SAVIOR
* RECEIVE HOLY SPIRIT
* COMMISSION, SEND