

THIS IS THAT
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Today is Pentecost Sunday. The word Pentecost actually means fifty. In the Old Testament, it was a Jewish holiday that was held 50 days after Passover. It was fifty days after Passover that God gave Moses the law on Mt. Sinai. In the New Testament, it was the day that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples of Jesus in the upper room, 50 days after the resurrection.

Pentecost was the birthday of the church and yet most churches today never mentioned it. Do you think that might indicate a problem? If the birth of the church took place on the day of Pentecost and yet most churches don't even know what the word means, much less preach about what took place on that, do you think that maybe somewhere along the way, churches have lost their way?

Most churches are living somewhere between Calvary and Pentecost. They preach the cross and the need for the blood of Jesus to be applied to our lives but they don't preach Pentecost and the need for the Power of God in our life.

Many churches are packed on Christmas and Easter and mostly empty on Pentecost.

At Bethlehem, God came to us. At Calvary, God died for us. At Pentecost, God came to live inside of us!

The prophet Joel prophesied that the day was coming whenever God was going to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. (Joel 2:28-29)

In Acts chapter 2, the promise was fulfilled.

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

With the crowd looking on in amazement, Peter stood up and began to preach and he said, "Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

This is that! What they saw happening was exactly what Joel had prophesied was going to happen, and it is still happening around the world today.

It was not just for the day of Pentecost, it happened again in Acts 8, 10, 19 and in 2020.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter said that The Gift of the Holy Ghost was for whosoever will. That includes men and you.

If you haven't yet received it, ask Him for it. It is still for us today!