

## Festival of Pentecost - The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Sermon Road Map  
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### Pentecost: Celebrate the Father's gift that keep on giving.

- To disciples anxious and grieving over Jesus' announced departure
  - ◆ Jesus promised a special gift.
    - We know how well a promised gift works to cheer a child when a dear one leaves.
  - ◆ Jesus had been their trusted Counselor/Tutor. He promised a permanent replacement.
    - Not just a one day gift. But a special gift that keeps on giving until he returns.

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- ❖ The Apostles needed this gift to be Jesus' Apostles.
  - Jesus told them so many things in the Upper Room. How could they soak it in?
  - Not to mention 3 years of instruction - How could they remember it all?
  - Pentecost - that's how! The Father's gift of the Spirit would do even more than before.
    - ◆ The Holy Spirit worked from the beginning to rescue & give spiritual rebirth.
    - ◆ He worked through the first Gospel to restore Adam & Eve to love & trust Yahweh.
    - ◆ No one ever came to faith without the work of the Spirit.
  - Jesus promises that the Father would give the Spirit as their *Counselor*
    - ◆ *Paracletos*: a mentor/tutor to a minor; also one who spoke up on behalf of another
    - ◆ Here Jesus emphasizes the Spirit's role as a very special tutor.
  - *...the Counselor, ... will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.*
    - ◆ Jesus was not relying on their human abilities to remember everything he said.
    - ◆ The Holy Spirit would bring it to mind with perfect recall.
      - This is what they needed to be **accurate** witnesses to everything Jesus said.
      - By the Spirit the Apostles all gave a faithful singular witness to Jesus' teachings.
      - We can have confidence in their records of Jesus' words, like these words of John.
        - By Spirit recall and inspiration they recorded Jesus' words and works.
    - ◆ Equally important, the Spirit tutored them, giving a clear understanding.
      - The 11 were in a fog. Jesus taught them a lot, but they still didn't get.
      - With Pentecost the pieces came together to teach the faithful message faithfully.
      - This was critical for Jesus' commission: *Go and make disciples ...baptizing ...and teaching (my new disciples) to obey everything I have commanded you.*
    - ◆ The Father's Pentecost gift kept on giving the Apostles what they needed!
      - The Holy Spirit remained with them throughout their ministries.
    - ◆ With Pentecost we **celebrate** how Jesus equipped the Apostle to give witness to us.
  - ❖ Jesus' special gift unwraps the gifts Jesus gave us through the Apostles.
    - Joel & Peter make it clear, the gift of the Counselor is given to all of God's people.
      - ◆ In addition to the Spirit's critical role in making us God's children through faith...
      - ◆ the work assigned to the Spirit Counselor is worked in every believer.
    - *...the Counselor, ... will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.*
      - ◆ The Holy Spirit tutors us in the teachings of Jesus.
        - Starting with the Father's truths revealed by the Christ - the ultimate final Prophet
        - The Spirit opens our eyes to get Jesus' teachings, teachings the world can't get.
        - He continues, giving us aha moments, piecing together and applying the word.

- His work of *making us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus...*
  - Wisdom that saves/rescues from foolishness and blind spots that enslave/kill.
  - Seeing where our stubborn false confidence interferes with Jesus' rescue.
  - Breaking through worldly ideas of peace, to bring us the peace of Jesus.
- ♦ Like the disciples we might wonder how we can retain it all?
  - What a comfort to know the Spirit will bring it to mind to minister to us.
  - This happens as he teaches, connecting passages and truths, for insight.
  - This happens when we are open to give witness to Jesus. Surprised what we say.
  - This happens when we comfort others, or when we need to be comforted.
  - **Notice:** God **does not promise** to give you new revelations!
    - He promises to **bring to mind what you have heard Jesus say**. The Bible.
    - That's part of **...send in my name. Jesus' name:** his revealed reputation
    - Jesus is the Father's promised Prophet - the final word. Don't expect any more.
    - When we are curious and wonder why God didn't tell us this or that... Remember:
      - ♦ God told us everything we need to know in Jesus.
      - ♦ Have you learned all Jesus taught? As you do, your questions fade.
      - ♦ Tutoring and bringing to mind - just what we need to grow in Christ, disciple each other, and give witness to the world.
- ❖ The Spirit's work - produces Jesus' unique peace.
  - ***Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.***
  - His peace. That's just what Jesus' anxious & worried disciples needed - what we need.
  - It's a unique peace. Not like the world's peace: conditional, not lasting, compromising
  - Note the Spirit's role in this peace.
    - ♦ As we grow in understanding Jesus' words and promises - his peace settles in.
    - ♦ A peace that comes from sins fully forgiven and confidence that God is my Fortress.
    - ♦ Resting in and on our Triune God, we are safe forever. All will work for our good.
    - ♦ But there is more. As the Spirit links God's word together we are filled/satisfied.
    - ♦ We learn to let go of distractions that disturb - seeing God's big picture.
    - ♦ We discover God's design and take in what makes us whole and healthy.
      - That is the meaning of *Shalom* - a Hebrew word translated as *peace*.
      - That's the peace we often forfeit by:
        - Trying to solve our problem on our own.
        - By ignoring or even pushing away God's word that we don't want to hear.
        - By failing to let a fellow believer or Pastor bring you the peace of the word.
        - By not remembering, celebrating, and embracing God's gift in Pentecost.
        - God's intent in Pentecost is to give the gift of the Spirit who **keeps on giving**.
        - Will you let his special gift - his Companion Tutor - do his work?
        - Celebrate Pentecost by saying, "**Absolutely!**" Please Spirit - renew me.
        - Then daily celebrate...

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