

The Day of Pentecost - The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Sermon Road Map

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John 15:26-27

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Pentecost: the Day that helps the world see reality!

- ❖ People have troubles with *The Truth*.
 - ◆ Those who don't want to see the Truth, live in denial.
 - ◆ A world that echoes Pilate: *What is Truth?!* Seeing it as unknowable.
- ❖ Jesus came to proclaim the Truth
 - ◆ He told Pilate: *the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.*
 - ◆ What Jesus proclaims is **reality - the real reality**
 - It's True - not just today, but for all time, yes even eternity.
 - Jesus' truth is **absolute, universal, eternal, completely reliable**.
 - ◆ Truth you can rely on and never be disappointed.
 - Anything that contradicts, in time = shame, exposed foolishness.
 - ◆ Just before our text Jesus said: the world is hostile to him/his message
 - It's hostile - under Satan's delusion Jesus *seems like the lie*
 - It's hostile because Jesus message exposes sin and condemns.
 - It's hostile for it's **living in denial** of reality.
 - That's why following the crowd is rarely the way to the Truth.
 - ◆ The disciples witnessed the Truth.
 - They heard the reliable message.
 - They learned what is really going to happen,
 - It's **reliability** was affirmed as Jesus fulfilled all he said.
 - This truth restores us back to reality - fellowship with God.
 - ◆ Leading to repentance: turning from denial/blindness - to the Light
 - ◆ Exposing and releasing from Satan's lies and foolishness
 - ◆ Enlightening our dark hearts and mind
 - ◆ Giving us the change of mindset in line with God & his image

See what a miracle that we have seen the truth - that we believe. But how are we going to lead others to see reality. **We aren't and can't.** But we have

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- ❖ The Spirit of Truth
 - ◆ Everything about him is the Truth, no darkness at all, clarity, knowable
 - ◆ The Spirit who is the source of Truth.
 - Advocate/Comforter/Counselor: he opens eyes to the Truth
 - Help the disciples get it, recall it, witness to it clearly.
 - ◆ The Spirit's work is a miracle! He works - changing *hostile to friend*
 - He convicts of sin, darkness, blindness, slavery
 - See freedom, hope, light - reality
 - We rely on this daily for our growth in reality/the Truth
 - We rely on this as we testify to the truth
 - ◆ The Spirit of Truth goes out in the Word and works
 - ◆ He miraculously opens eyes to eternal realities.
 - ◆ He changes hearts to want the Truth.
 - ◆ He grants understanding - connecting the dots.
- ❖ Because Jesus sent the Spirit of Truth, we know:
 - ◆ The Apostle proclaimed absolute, unchanging truth - real reality!
 - ◆ We have seen reality.
 - It's not just a matter of our personal opinion.
 - It's not just true for us or our culture - it's universal & eternal.
 - ◆ We see those in darkness, come to the Truth.

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This encourages us to grow to know and understand the truth - so we can with true humility confidently testify to the Truth - the real reality.