

The Day of Pentecost

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Introduction: What do you think of when you here the term “the day of Pentecost?”

A. We need to know that God is in control and that He is working His plan!

(1 Pt 1:10-12)

1. Those with knowledge of the scriptures knew this well. The hard part was waiting and not second-guessing God!
 2. There would come a time where God would make it plain to everyone that His plan would be executed. Such is the significance of this day of our study!
- B. “The second of the three annual festivals was Pentecost, also called the feast of weeks, the feast of harvest, and the day of firstfruits. It was celebrated seven weeks, or fifty days, after Passover; therefore, it was given the name Pentecost.”

I. This Pentecost had People coming together with great anticipation and anxiety.

A. Consider what has occurred just 50 days earlier!

1. Jesus was murdered by the religious leaders with the approval of the multitude.

(Lk 23:20-23)

2. The event did not go smoothly at all for the religious leaders.
 - a. A great sign occurred during the crucifixion. **(Mt 27:45)**
 - b. Powerful signs occurred at His death. **(Mt 27:50-54; Lk 23:48)**
 - c. Then God mightily raised Him from the dead but only allowed Him to appear to chosen witnesses.
 - d. Both friend and foe had powerful questions to think about for 50 days.

(Lk 24:18-20)

B. Jesus remained on the earth for 40 days after his resurrection preparing His disciples for the kingdom of God. **(Acts 1:3)**

1. Even the disciples did not have a clear view of God’s plan. They were given instructions to wait for God’s power. Imagine that! **(Acts 1:6-8)**
2. This kingdom was highly anticipated by both the prophets, John the Baptist and Jesus Himself. **(Isa 2:1-4; Dan 2:44; Mk 1:14-15)**
3. Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for this power. **(Luke 24:49)**
4. It was a great day that had “fully come”. **(Acts 2:1)**

II. The Powerful Witness of God Displayed

A. God promised to bear witness of the apostles preaching through signs.

(Mark 16:17-20; Heb 2:2-4)

B. The Apostles received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. **(Acts 1:4-5)**

1. In the display of power something was heard, seen and done. **(Acts 2:2-7)**
2. How could “unlearned” Galileans know these languages? The Power of God is on display. Any right-minded man would marvel at this.
3. Today those who claim these gifts cannot match the genuine.

C. These signs were also a fulfillment of prophecy. **(Acts 2:17-21)**

1. These signs were to mark the end of a world, the Jewish system. **(Col 2:14)**

2. Jesus had prepared His followers for this time. (**Matt 5:17-18; Lk 24:44**)
3. Now men were to “call on the name of the Lord”, but how? (**Acts 2:21**)

III. A Shocking Revelation to the People.

- A. Jesus is the Son of God!
 1. These proofs were presented to the people who crucified Him. (**Acts 2:22-24**)
 2. Can you imagine the temptation to continue in denial? This is painful truth!
 3. Jesus knew this audience was like Paul later who opposed the truth in ignorance. (**Lk 23:34; Acts 3:17; 1 Tim 1:12-13**)
- B. There was the undeniable proof of the signs of Christ Himself. (**Acts 2:22**)
 1. There is great power in being able to appeal to that which cannot be denied.
 2. These people surely had many unanswered questions. They could know this!
- C. There was the evidence of the resurrection of Christ in prophecy.
 1. David prophesied of Christ. (**Acts 2:25-31**)
 2. This could not have been fulfilled in David.
 3. Notice that Jesus was raised up to reign! (**Acts 2:30**)
- D. There was the eyewitness account of the raised Christ. (**Acts 2:32**)
 1. There were several witnesses available. (**Acts 1:22; 1 Cor 15:5-8**)
 2. Were these credible witnesses? Look at whom they are speaking to!
 3. These men gave their lives for what they saw. (**1 Cor 15:30-32**)
- E. They were reminded about the significance of the signs they witnessed. (**Acts 2:33**)
 1. Jesus was exalted as the prophets have said.
 2. This makes Jesus the Lord! But these men had crucified Him. (**Acts 2:36**)
 3. Have you ever experienced a humbling terror like this? You should have.

IV. God’s Kingdom is for a Crushed People

- A. How did you become a Christian? (**Acts 2:37**)
 1. God wants us to be humbled that we may be exalted. (**Mat 5:3; 1 Pt 5:6-7**)
 2. These people saw their sin and made no excuse. (**2 Cor 7:9-10**)
- B. These people found entrance into God’s kingdom through baptism. (**Acts 2:38-41**)
 1. Jesus spoke of this too in His ministry. (**John 3:3-5**)
 2. The baptism of Christ must be preceded by faith, repentance and confession.
- C. God gave provisions for His citizens. (**Acts 2:42-47**)
 1. Every Christian needs daily teaching!
 2. Every Christian needs to remember the death of Christ!
 3. Every Christian needs to worship and work with other Christians!

Conclusion: We need to know the solid ground on which we stand. (**1 Peter 3:15**)

1. We cannot take these things lightly without kindling the wrath of God. (**Heb 12:28-29**)
 - a. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 - b. There is one last part of God’s plan to come! Are you ready?
2. Christian, remember the events that has made you salvation possible. Do not be silent for we serve a risen Savior!