

Study Guide

Study Scriptures: Acts 2.1-5

'Day of Pentecost – Start of the Church'

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Context: v1. 'When the Day of Pentecost had fully come...'

Day of Pentecost one of the *seven feasts* of Israel.

Spring Feast – 'former rain' (April-May)

1. Passover – (Lamb/Blood-Christ's Blood)
2. Unleavened Bread – (Bread/Body of Christ)
3. Firstfruits – (First Harvest/Christ-Resurrection)
4. Pentecost – (Ingathering Harvest/Spirit-Church ingathering of souls)

Summer – Church Age

Fall Feast – 'latter rain' (September – October)

1. Trumpets – Reflection/Preparation/Return of Christ.
1. Day of Atonement – Atone of sins/Christ our atonement. Hebrews 9.11-14
2. Tabernacles – Dwelling Booths/Dwelling of Christ. Revelation 21.3

Day of Pentecost:

1. _____ of the Spirit – Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come upon His disciples and give them power. Acts 1.4. ... 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. v5. '...for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now (10 days).' 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.' (Zechariah 4.6)

Key Words: a) **Power** – ability of the Holy Spirit to carry out an assignment;
b) **Witnesses** – to testify that Christ lives

Reflection: Explain how you experience the power of the Holy Spirit helping you to testify of Christ to others.

2. _____ of Pentecost – It marks the beginning of the New Covenant Church and the ingathering of believers worldwide. **2.1.** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
 - *Launching* of the church
 - *Uniting* believers for one purpose
 - *Preparing* the way for the Holy Spirit

Reflection: Name *three ways* your prayer life helps you walk in unity and in purpose with the church.

3. _____ of the Spirit – The Holy Spirit came visibly and powerfully upon the disciples. v2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- God moved *suddenly* (sovereignty)
 - Sound was *from heaven* (source)
 - Filled the *whole house* (available)

Reflection: Name three ways you see the visible presence working in your life and our church.

4. _____ were filled - v3. Then 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. (NKJV)
- Experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit
 - Spirit came with fire (purification)
 - Distributed on them individually and collectively
 - Manifested speaking in other languages

Reflection: Have you personally experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit, or is your faith only knowledge? (Explain)

5. _____ of the gospel ... v6. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 8. And how is it that we *hear each* in our *own language* in which *we were born*?

The start of the church: Acts 2.37-41 (NKJV)

- Repent – change mind
- Baptized – identify with Christ and Body
- Gift of the Holy Spirit – indwelling presence

Reflection: What is your evidence of repentance, baptism, and receiving of the Holy Spirit?

Takeaway: The start of the church on Pentecost leaves us three principles for the church:

1. Dependence on the Holy Spirit
2. Unity in purpose and fellowship
3. Bold witness to the world