

The Power of Pentecost

What is Pentecost

- ❖ Jews celebrated
 - Feast of Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread – deliverance from bondage and sin
 - They presented first sheaf of barley harvest to God at Passover
 - Feast of Pentecost or Feast of Weeks –
 - First fruits of wheat harvest
- ❖ Pentecost marks the day when the Law was given to Israel
 - Occurred on 50th day after Passover
 - Jews sometimes called “smimchath torah” or “Joy of the Law” David Guzik Enduring Word Commentary
- ❖ Pentecost was a commemoration of giving of the Law according to Leviticus 23:15-16
- ❖ Pentecost signaled a powerful message to believers
 - When law given, 3,000 died – Exo. 32:28
 - Note there were thunderings and lightnings – Exo. 19:16
 - When the Holy Spirit given, 3,000 saved – Acts 2:41
 - Note the rushing mighty wind – Acts 2:2
 - Two loaves – Lev. 23:17
 - Had been forbidden to use leaven with a blood offering – Exo. 23:18, 34:25
 - Rom. 9:23-24; Rom. 1:16

Who is the Holy Spirit

- ❖ 3rd person of the Trinity - Gen. 1:2; Mat. 3:16

What are some signs I have the Holy Spirit?

- ❖ Godly fruit – Galatians 5:22-25
- ❖ Control of my body – 1 Cor. 6:19
- ❖ Spiritual gifts – 1 Cor. 12-14
- ❖ Praying in the Spirit – Jude 1:20

What does He do? (Just a few of many things are listed)

- ❖ Comfort us – John 14:26; John 15:26
- ❖ Counsel us – John 14:16-17
- ❖ Teach and Instruct us –
- ❖ Seals us – Eph. 1:13
- ❖ Empower us to witness – Acts 1:8

The Time of Preparation

- ❖ Refining your circles – Acts 1:12-15; Acts 2:17
- ❖ Refining your faith – Luke 24:39
- ❖ Refining your obedience – Luke 24:49
- ❖ Refining your expectations – Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:6-8 (KJV & MSG)
 - **IT'S NOT THE WHEN BUT THE WHERE**
 - Stop asking God when and get where He wants you to be and stay there

You can not do the after until you've experienced the suddenly

- ❖ Refining your circles

You shouldn't expect the suddenly if you are not willing to tarry

- ❖ The promise is authentic – John 15:26; Acts 1:4, 2:33
- ❖ Tarry: kathizō: to seat down, that is, set (figuratively appoint); intransitively to sit (down); figuratively to settle (hover, dwell): - continue, set, sit (down), tarry.

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Definitions

Are you equipped for your assignment?

- ❖ You need a new heart and spirit – Jer. 31:33; Eze 36:26-27
- ❖ Acts 13:2; Gal. 5:16-25; Rom. 8:11, 15:19; 1 Thes. 1:5

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Lesson 2: The Spirit of Truth

Jesus is the Truth

- ❖ John 1:14, 17; John 14:6
- ❖ Since Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, the Word is truth – John 17:17

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth – John 16:1-15

- ❖ The power of truth was further revealed on the day of Pentecost
- ❖ Jesus said the Holy Spirit would not come unless He “leave” – John 16:7
- ❖ Things that truth does: John 16:8
 - Reproves (elegchō: convict Thayer's Greek Definitions) the world of:
 - Sin – Acts 2:22, 36-38
 - Righteousness – Acts 2:32; John 5:32; Rom. 10:1-4
 - Judgment – Acts 26:18; Luke 10:18
- ❖ The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth – John 16:13; John 14:17, 26
 - Truth that is:
 - Not self-pleasing
 - Authentic – under God’s Authority
 - Prophetic – will show you what is to come
 - Read vs. 13 from MSG: the Holy Spirit won’t draw attention to Himself

The Holy Spirit helps us by giving us truth – John 15:26

- ❖ The Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus – 1 Tim. 2:15j; 1 John 5:6
- ❖ We are reminded of what Jesus said by the Holy Spirit – John 14:26

The Truth determines our status with God

- ❖ 1 John 1:8; 1 John 4:6
- ❖ John 18:33-40 – Note that Pilate could not receive what Jesus was saying regarding Kingdom Truth vs worldly truth. Nevertheless, Jesus did not back away from sharing it – 1 Tim. 6:13.
- ❖ John 8:31-32
- ❖ 1 Cor. 13:4-6
- ❖ Gal. 4:16

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Lesson 3: The Quickening Power of the Holy Spirit

What does it mean to quicken?

- ❖ 1a: to make alive : REVIVE, b: to cause to be enlivened : STIMULATE
- 2archaic, a: KINDLE, b: to cause to burn more intensely
- 3: to make more rapid : HASTEN, ACCELERATE
- 4a: to make (a curve) sharper, b: to make (a slope) steeper - *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*

Only God can refresh and preserve us

- ❖ Psa. 25:11
- ❖ How?
 - By His Word – Psa. 119:154
 - His lovingkindness – Psa. 119:88
 - His tender mercy – Psa. 119:156
 - His righteousness – Psa. 119:40
 - His Spirit – John 6:63

You need more than just flesh

- ❖ Gen. 2:7, Job 34:14-15
- ❖ If you are just mere bones, you are still dead – Eze. 37:1-14
- ❖ Physical power alone is not enough – Zech. 4:6; Acts 1:8; John 16:7-15

Without the Spirit we are dead

- ❖ A lot of us say we have faith but struggle with works – James 2:14-26
- ❖ Rom. 8:9-11; Rom. 6:10-11

What are we dead in?

- ❖ Dead in sin – Eph. 2:1-10
- ❖ Dead in faith – James 2:14-16
- ❖ Dead to our flesh – John 6:63
- ❖ Dead in vain religion – 2 Cor. 3:6

We as believers need to be quickened

- ❖ The Holy Spirit quickened Jesus - 1 Pet. 3:18
- ❖ The Spirit works by the Word of God – John 6:63

We are quickened by the Holy Spirit

- ❖ Salvation – Eph. 2:1-10
- ❖ Prayer – Psa. 80:18
- ❖ Discernment – 1 John 2:20
- ❖ Deliverance – Isa. 10:27
- ❖ Act – 2 Pet. 1:21; Acts 13:2
- ❖ Bold speech – Acts 4:8-23
- ❖ Physical body – 2 Pet. 3:18
- ❖ Witness – Acts 1:8
- ❖ To live the New Life – John 6:63

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Lesson 4: Things Can Change All of a Sudden – The Leading of the Holy Spirit

Some points about the leading of the Holy Spirit

- ❖ God wants to be our Guide – Exo. 13:21; Jos. 3:3
- ❖ He is available to lead us so that we can thrive – Eze. 37:14
- ❖ He leads by guiding and not by forcing – John 16:13-15
 - He makes the choice plain – John 16:7-11
 - We as believers are created in Christ Jesus and should walk do good works – Eph. 2:10
- ❖ You can reject the leading of the Holy Spirit – Acts 7:51
 - When our minds are set on the flesh – Rom. 8:7; Gal. 5:16-18
- ❖ The Holy Spirit also guides us with hard truth – Acts 20:17-31
 - Paul felt compelled but was warned by the Holy Spirit what lie ahead – vs. 22-23
 - Paul by the Holy Spirit, warned the Ephesian elders of what would happen – vs. 26-30
 - When we hold back, we leave people unprepared for what it to come – vs. 26-27
 - Read Acts 18:24-28;
 - It was the Holy Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted – Mat. 4:1
- ❖ We at times struggle to sense the guiding of the Holy Spirit – 1 Sam. 3:5

Ways to grow in your obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading

- ❖ Show some respect – Psa. 25:12
- ❖ Pray and Meditate – Jos. 1:8
- ❖ Ask – Luke 11:5-13
- ❖ Silence other voices – Pro. 4:20-21; Acts 5:29; Gal. 1:8
- ❖ Marry the Word with the works – James 1:22
- ❖ Stop depending on your natural mind – 1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:5-6
- ❖ Realize God doesn't have to do it your way – Jer. 10:23; Pro. 3:5-6
- ❖ God doesn't always lead us away from the trial – Mat. 4:1; Josh. 1:9
- ❖ Put in the time with God – John 14:26; 1 Cor. 16:11; Mat. 6:33-34 (MSG); John 15:7
- ❖ Respond to His leading your spirit – Pro. 20:27; 1 Cor. 2:11
- ❖ Meet His Word with Obedience – Acts 5:32; John 14:15-18
- ❖ His leading always leads to the path of righteousness – Psa. 23:3
- ❖ Thank Him for leading you – 2 Thes. 2:13; Eph. 5:18-20; Col. 3:16-17

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Lesson 5: Power to Walk and Persevere

We yield to temptations and sin because we at the time are not yielding – Gal. 5:16

What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

- ❖ Be led by the Spirit – Gal. 5:16
- ❖ Being controlled by and depending on the Spirit – Gal. 5:25
- ❖ Being sensitive to His inclinations – Gal. 5:18
 - Stop waiting on God's why and yield to God's what
- ❖ Heeding the Spirit's reminders – John 15:26
- ❖ Obeying God step by step – Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 5:2, 8
- ❖ Walking pleasing to God – Col. 1:10-11

What does it mean to persevere? continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no prospect of success. Oxford Languages Dictionary

- ❖ Words synonymous with persevere: endure, hold on, keep going, persist, press on, pursue, stand firm (Source: thesaurus.com)

As believers, what must we persevere over?

- ❖ Discouragement – Jos. 1:9; Deut. 31:8; Rom. 15:13
- ❖ Disappointment – Col. 3:23-25; Gal. 6:9
- ❖ Disrespect and Disregard – Rom. 8:9-16; 2 Cor. 4:7-12
- ❖ Dormant – Psa. 40:1-2;
 - Dormancy may be the result of
- ❖ Drought – Psalm 23; Psa. 84:11

How does the Holy Spirit help us persevere?

- ❖ By sealing us – Eph. 4:30
- ❖ Bears witness to us of our salvation – Rom. 8:16
- ❖ By interceding for us – Rom. 8:26
- ❖ Remind us of His Promises –

