

PENTECOST SUNDAY

WHAT A GREAT DAY IT IS TODAY!! TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! I PRAY THE MESSAGE TODAY EMPOWER, CONVICT, AND ENCOURAGE YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS

WE WILL OPEN OUR BIBLES IN ACTS:1 & 2 TODAY
WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AND HOW WE CAN HAVE OUR OWN PERSONAL PENTECOST...RIGHT HERE...RIGHT NOW...AMEN?

HERE IS SOME BACKGROUND

ACTS WAS WRITTEN BY LUKE (A PHYSICIAN AND A MISSIONARY) IN ABOUT 70 AD (GIVE OR TAKE..NO ONE KNOWS)

THE BOOK COULD HAVE BEEN CALLED "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"
IT COULD ALSO BE CALLED THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MENTIONED OVER 50 TIMES IN ACTS

THIS IS LUKE'S SEQUEL TO HIS GOSPEL, THANK GOD HE WROTE IT TOO, BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE A HUGE GAP BETWEEN THE GOSPELS AND PAUL'S LETTERS IF WE DIDN'T. ACTS BRIDGES THE GOSPELS TO THE REST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPELS RECORD WHAT JESUS SAID AND DID...ACTS IS THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH.... THE REST OF THE CHAPTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TELL US WHY WE CAN BELIEVE THAT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS TRUE

SO LET ME SET THE SCENE, JEWS FROM ALL AROUND GATHERED EVERY YEAR FOR THE SHAVUOT OR "THE FEAST OF WEEKS"
THIS IS CELEBRATED 7 WEEKS AFTER PASSOVER. SHAVUOT IS ALSO REFERRED TO AS PENTECOST THE GREEK WORD MEANING 50...50 DAYS AFTER PASSOVER. ACCORDING TO JEWISH TRADITION MOSES

RECEIVED THE LAW OR THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM GOD ON MOUNT SINAI DURING THE SHAVUOT/ 50 DAYS AFTER PASSOVER. ALSO, KING DAVID WAS BORN AND DIED ON SHAVUOT...RELEVANT BECAUSE JESUS WAS FROM THE LINE OF DAVID..THIS WASN'T SOME RANDOM GIFT FROM GOD...THIS WAS AN ON PURPOSE, FOR A PURPOSE, MAJOR MOVE OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD. HE STARTED HIS CHURCH ON THIS DAY ON PURPOSE.

AND REMEMBER, JESUS HAD JUST BEEN CRUCIFIED A LITTLE OVER A MONTH PRIOR. JESUS WAS THE FINAL SACRIFICE ONCE AND FOR ALL FOR THE PASSOVER....SO....50 DAYS LATER..GOD DELIVERS HIS PROMISE. NOW GOD WOULD LIVE INSIDE OF MAN NOT JUST AROUND HIM...THIS IS ALSO A SHADOW OF WHAT WILL COME, WHEN HEAVEN AND EARTH FINALLY JOIN AS ONE

LETS GET INTO IT....LUKE RECAPS HIS GOSPEL IN THE FIRST PART

Acts 1:1-5 New International Version (NIV)

1 In my former book, **Theophilus**, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with^[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit."

THESE ARE THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS RECORDED BEFORE HIS ASCENSION...YA THINK THIS MIGHT BE IMPORTANT?

JESUS NEW THAT IN ORDER FOR THE CHURCH TO SURVIVE, WE WERE GONNA NEED SOME HELP. WHY? LET'S JUST LOOK AT PETER...HE

HUNG OUT WITH JESUS ALL OF THE TIME..SAW ALL THOSE
MIRACLES..THEN DENIED HIM 3TIMES BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION

WE NEED HELP BECAUSE WE DO THE SAME THING

HAVE YOU EVER DECIDED NOT TO SAY THE NAME JESUS OR DECIDED
NOT TO SHARE YOUR FAITH BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO OFFEND
SOMEONE? IT'S WHAT WE DO WHEN WE ARE NOT FILLED WITH HIS
SPIRIT

NEVERTHELESS, AFTER THE ASCENSION OF JESUS THE DISCIPLES
WERE OBEDIENT AND HEADED FOR JERUSALEM PRAISING GOD

Acts 2:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one
place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from
heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw
what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each
of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

FIRST THING WE SEE IS UNITY. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

EVERYONE WHO OBEYED THE COMMAND OF THE LORD WAS THERE.
THEY WERE EXPECTING AND READY TO RECEIVE. IT DOESN'T TELL
US WHETHER ANYONE GOT "BURNED OUT" OR "BORED" AND
LEFT...BUT THAT VERY WELL MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE CASE.....THOSE
WHO STAYED AND OBEYED GOT THE PROMISE.

GOD NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING BIG!! HE COULD HAVE FILLED HIS
PEOPLE ON A REMOTE MOUNTAIN SOMEWHERE. HE WANTED TO

BLOW PEOPLE'S MINDS AND HE WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW WHO AND WHERE THIS POWER COMES FROM.

Acts 2:5 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

YOU SEE, IT WAS A FESTIVAL. GOD NEW THERE WOULD BE MANY JEWS GATHERED IN JERUSALEM INCLUDING THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR CRUCIFYING JESUS JUST A MONTH EARLIER

MANY OF THEM RECOGNIZE THE TOUNGUES THAT WERE SPOKEN TO BE THERE NATIVE LANGUAGE/DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD/ BEING SPOKEN BY GALILEANS

TWO THINGS WILL HAPPEN WHEN GOD MOVES

Acts 2:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

PEOPLE WILL WANT TO KNOW MORE...ONLY THE SPIRIT OF GOD UNDERSTANDS THE THINGS OF GOD

Acts 2:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

PEOPLE WILL MAKE FUN OF YOU / ARE YOU READY FOR THAT?
THE TRUTH IS... YOUR NOT...NEITHER AM I...WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

WE WOULD BE, AND HAVE BEEN, JUST LIKE PETER WHEN HE DENIED KNOWING JESUS 3 TIMES BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION

JUST LIKE PETER...WE NEED TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD!!

Acts 2:14-15 New International Version (NIV)

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!

PETER ADDRESSES THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN DENYING JESUS, BUT ACTUALLY CRUCIFIED HIM AS BRETHREN OR FELLOW JEWS...THAT IS SOME HOLY GHOST LOVE RIGHT THERE

NOW WE SEE SCARED LITTLE PETE TURN INTO A GIANT OF FAITH WHY? HE IS FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH HOLY GHOST FIRE!!

PETER QUOTES FROM THEIR OWN PROPHET JOEL

Acts 2:17-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’^[a]

GOD HAS SET THE STAGE TO BUILD HIS CHURCH AND THIS MY FRIENDS WAS THE FIRST CHURCH SERVICE EVER RECORDED

PETER THEN PROCEEDED IN DETAIL ABOUT WHO JESUS, THE MESSIAH IS AND WHAT HE DID ON THE CROSS FOR THEM AND US PETER USED THE PROPHECIES OF KING DAVID IN THE PSALMS TO SPEAK OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

BUT HE ENDS HIS SERMON WITH THIS:

Acts 2:38-39 New International Version (NIV)

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

PETER WAS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD!! BOLD IN THE SPIRIT!

IT SAYS ABOUT 3,000 WERE ADDED TO THE CHURCH THAT DAY NOT EVERYONE WHO HEARD THE GOOD NEWS GOT SAVED THAT DAY

MAKE A BOLD STATEMENT

TRUST GOD NOT MAN..PUT YOUR FAITH IN THE HEART OF GOD BECAUSE THE HEART OF MAN IS WICKED JUST REMEMBER THE WORDS OF JESUS AS YOU MAKE YOUR LIFE DECISIONS

Matthew 12:30 New International Version (NIV)

³⁰ "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

NOT EVERYONE YOU MINISTER TOO WILL RECEIVE THE GOOD NEWS. THAT'S OK, YOU KEEP SHARING YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

NOW THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT PENTECOST, LETS TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN EXPERIENCE OUR OWN PENTECOST, OUR OWN RADICAL MOVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US AND THROUGH US THIS IS A CHOSEN GENERATION FOR THE CHURCH TO SHINE BRIGHTER THAN IT EVER HAS.

THERE IS NO TIME FOR COMPLACENCY....SO HOW DO WE STAY ON FIRE AND FILLED?

1. OBEDIENCE / WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS TO DO

Galatians 5:22-23 New International Version (NIV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

IF GOD SAYS WE CAN HAVE THIS, HOW CAN WE WALK IN THIS ON THE REG? **WE MUST BE FILLED** WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRIDE & EGO ARE THE FIRST CULPRITS THAT HINDER US FROM LIVING FULLY IN THE SPIRIT. THE FLESH GETS OFFENDED..THE FLESH LASHES OUT IN ANGER...THE FLESH LIES
WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO DIE TO EGO/THE FLESH/SELF

WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO GET INTO HIS WORD...THE WORD CLEANSSES AND CONVICTS...THE WORD IS OUR PLUMBLINE

JESUS WAS VERY CLEAR

John 15:16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you **so that** you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and **so that** whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

SHARE EXAMPLE OF SISTER WHO DELIVERED A GIRL

FEAR OF MAN IS ANOTHER CULPRIT

SCARED TO SHARE OUR FAITH BECAUSE WE MIGHT OFFEND
SOMEONE

SCARED TO PRAY FOR SOMEONE BECAUSE THERE DIFFERENT

**WE MUST BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD!! NOTHING OR NO
ONE WILL SCARE YOU !! NOT EVEN DEATH AND YOU WILL BEGIN TO
SEE PEOPLE THE WAY GOD SEES THEM**

John 14:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

SHARE EXAMPLE OF BROTHERS SHARING THEIR FAITH

YOU GO FROM BEING A CHEERLEADER FOR JESUS..TO A SOLDIER IN
CHRIST'S KINGDOM... THERE IS A HUGE DIFFERENCE

ANOTHER WAY TO STAY FILLED UP, WORSHIP....TRUE WORSHIP

John 4:23-24 New International Version (NIV)

²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

I HAVE FRIENDS THAT DON'T REALLY LIKE TO
WORSHIP...AGAIN...PRIDE AND EGO...THAT WILL HINDER THE
FULLNESS OF WHAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD WANTS TO DO IN AND
THROUGH YOU...YOUR SALVATION IS SECURE BUT YOU WILL NEVER
LIVE IN THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT WITHOUT WORSHIP

**HE IS SO WORTHY TO BE WORSHIPPED AND PRAISED
JESUS DID YOU AND I, A HUGE SOLID**

YOU WANT BREAK THROUGH? BE A WORSHIPPER
YOU WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR? BE A WORSHIPPER
YOU WANT TO DO BIG THINGS FOR THE KINGDOM? YOU HAVE TO BE
A WORSHIPPER

BECAUSE A TRUE WORSHIPPER, ALTHOUGH FLAWED AND A
SINNER...WILL SEEK THE FACE OF GOD IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY
OR WHEN EXPERENCING VICTORY AND IN TURN.... GOD FILLS THEM
WITH A FRESH ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...YOUR OWN
PERSONAL PENTECOST

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MINISTRY

HE MINISTERS, GUIDES, AND CONVICTS PERSONALLY
HE EMPOWERS HIS PEOPLE TO MINISTER, HEAL, PROPHECY, BIND
THE DEMONIC AND DELIVER PEOPLE IN BONDAGE

WE HAVE BEEN CALLED IN THIS SEASON TO BE BRAVE IN JESUS
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.. IT IS OUR TIME CHURCH!!!

WE MUST STAND FOR JESUS AND THE THINGS OF GOD. **FIRE!!**
COMPLACENCY AND A LUKEWARM LIFE WILL NOT DO

LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAYS TO THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA

Revelation 3:15-16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

THAT IS A SCARY THOUGHT FRIENDS. THE TRUTH IS.... WE WILL LIVE
A LUKEWARM LIFE IN CHRIST IF WE DO NOT SEEK TO BE FILLED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT DAILY

Ephesians 5:18 New International Version (NIV)

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

AIN'T NO PARTY LIKE A HOLY GHOST PARTY CUZ A HOLY GHOST PARTY DON'T STOP !!!

BE FILLED!! YOU WILL MOVE MOUNTAINS, HEAL THE SICK, RAISE THE DEAD, DELIVER PEOPLE FROM DEMONIC STRONG HOLDS...YOU WILL BLESS AND THEY SHALL BE BLESSED...YOU WILL CURSE AND IT SHALL BE CURSED

YOU WILL PROPHECY INTO PEOPLE'S LIVES AND IT WILL COME TO PASS

YOU WILL FIND THE FULLNESS OF YOUR INHERITENCE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

**AMEN
ALTER CALL**