



FAITH BUILDING THOUGHT – God’s provision towards His people displays His image and unifies His image-bearers

I. Pentecost’s Past _____

A. Includes All _____

B. The Day of Pentecost’s _____
(Acts 2:14-21, 37-41)

Acts 2:1-4 “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

C. The Feast of Weeks’ _____
(Leviticus 23:15-22; Exodus 34:22; Numbers 28:26-31; Deuteronomy 16:9-10)

D. The Purpose of the Feast in _____

1. Call to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)
2. Provision for Ruth (Ruth 2:1-3, 14-17)
3. Inclusion of Rahab (Joshua 2:1-21)
4. Instructions from Paul (Ephesians 4:28; 4:12)

II. Pentecost’s Present _____

A. _____ of the Spirit
(John 14:16-17, 25-27; 15:26; 16:7-15)

B. _____ of the Spirit¹

1. Convicts
 - a. Sin
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Judgment

2. Purifies

3. Unifies

4. Reveals

- a. To Prophets and Apostles
- b. Gives Evidence of God’s Presence
- c. Guides and Directs God’s People
- d. Provides Godlike Atmosphere When He Manifests His Presence
- e. Gives Assurance
- f. Teaches and Illumines

5. Empowers

- a. Gives Life
- b. Gives Power for Service

6. Intercedes

7. Shows Evidence of the Presence and Blessing of God According to Our Response to Him

III. Pentecost’s Future _____

A. Nations _____ Around the Throne of God
(Revelation 5:8-10; 7:9-10; 19:5-6; 21:24-27; 22:12-14)

IV. Pentecost’s Practical _____

- A. The Power of the Gospel is Foolishness to Those Without it
- B. The Spirit is the Only One Who Can Unify in the Face of Mankind’s Divisions
- C. The Working of the Spirit Enables the Believer to Live out the Great Commission and Display the Fruit of the Spirit
- D. The Indwelling of the Spirit Empowers the Believer to Fulfill the Law of Liberty
- E. The Working of the Spirit Reveals the Heart of God

¹Systematic Theology; Wayne Grudem; Zondervan Press, Grand Rapids, MI. 2020. p 780-796.



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BACKGROUND:

God established seven feasts to draw the Jews into worship of Him. One such feast is called the Feast of Weeks which takes place fifty days following the Passover. This feast is also known as Pentecost which is Greek for "fifty" or Shavuot which means "weeks" in Hebrew. Both Joel and Jesus prophesied of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which took place on the day of Pentecost fifty days following Jesus offering Himself as our Passover Lamb (*Joel 2:28-29; John 14:16-17, 26*).

DIGGING DEEPER:

The purpose of these feasts was to celebrate God's faithfulness and grace to His chosen people. They also foreshadowed the coming of the Messiah and revealed the mysteries of His salvation plan.

1. What does the Feast of Weeks reveal about God's heart toward those who are not Jews (*Leviticus 23:22*)?
2. How does this foreshadow God's grace to the Gentiles? What should our heart be toward the unsaved today?

On the day of Pentecost, a rushing wind and tongues of fire marked the presence of the Holy Spirit. He filled those present and they began to speak in other human languages. Being filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, Peter preached while three thousand heard the gospel in their own language and were saved. (Acts 2:1-41).

3. There was once only one human language. At the tower of Babel, God confused the people's language as a form of judgement to humble their pride. How does God use language to reunite His people at Pentecost?
4. How are these events at Pentecost a blessing to believers today?
5. What is the church's role in sharing the gospel with all language groups? How can you participate?

Among many other ministries of the Holy Spirit, He baptizes each believer by placing them into the body of Christ and joins them to Jesus in His resurrection and newness of life. He also fills the believer empowering their faith.

6. How would you describe the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? What is significant about this event as it relates to the church?

7. The language of "pouring" suggests an abundance. *Isaiah 44:3* says, "I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground, I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring" How has God's outpouring of His Spirit transformed you and renewed your dry spiritual areas of your faith?

8. Read *Joel 2:28-32; John 14:16-7,26; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*. What is the significance that you are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit? That your body is His temple?

TAKING IT HOME:

Unlike the Old Testament, where the Spirit came upon specific individuals for limited times, the outpouring signifies the Spirit dwelling within all believers.

9. How did the outpouring of the Holy Spirit remove social and spiritual barriers? What is the relevance of that today (*1 Corinthians 12:13*)?
10. Jesus promised to send us a Helper in His place (*John 14:16-17, 26*). How does the Holy Spirit help you in your faith?