

“Come, Holy Spirit!”
The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-42

“Pentecost” was a Jewish feast day also known as the “Feast of Weeks” (Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:9-12). It marked fifty days since the Passover. Pentecost drew many pilgrims to Jerusalem to celebrate the first ingathering of the harvest.

The Day of Pentecost was truly a mountain-top experience. But serving Jesus isn’t all mountain-top experiences. There will be opposition. There may be a high price to pay.

1. The SIGNS of Pentecost (1-13)

Sound of wind
Tongues of fire
Speaking in “tongues”

Speaking in Tongues?

By the Spirit’s prompting
The disciples spoke in other languages
Unknown to them
But known to those who heard

They spoke words that were understood—
Words about God’s mighty deeds

God empowers us with his Holy Spirit so we can –

- Confess Jesus as Lord
- Fulfill the work he calls us to do
- Face challenges and persecutions

2. The SERMON of Pentecost (14-40)

A. Explanation—What do the signs mean? (14-21)

The “Last Days” have begun
The Spirit’s power is given to ALL God’s children
The dramatic “Day of the Lord” will surely come
All who call on the Lord will be saved

B. Proclamation—What has God done through his Son (22-36)

God worked great wonders through his Son
God willed that his Son die on the cross
God raised his Son from the dead
God exalted his Son to his right hand

C. Invitation—What should you do about all this? (37-40)

- 1) Repent—change your heart and turn your life around
- 2) Be Baptized—receive the outward sign of repentance

Result? You will receive the promised Holy Spirit

3. The SPIRITUAL LIFE of Pentecost (41-42)

How to get started as a disciple – Be Baptized

Unbaptized Christians are not found in the New Testament

How to continue as a disciple –

Learn the Apostles’ Doctrine
Experience fellowship with other believers
Observe “the Breaking of the Bread”
Engage in the prayers of the church