

What Do You Do with Pentecost?

Acts 1:4b-5, 2:1-47. & 4:2-31

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1. Passover and Pentecost are Jewish Festivals

Pentecost gets its name from the _____ that separate Passover/Easter and Pentecost

2. Pentecost 1 was 3400 years ago when God gave the _____ to the people of Israel at Mt Sinai.

3. Pentecost 2 was 1400 years ago, when God sent the _____ to abide with his people and the Church was born.

Acts 2:1-6, 8,11-15, 37-44. 46-47¹ 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 as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ... we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."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! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ...³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 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."⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴²

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellow-ship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 4:2-4 The Sadducees were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

Acts 4:23-25, 30-31 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them" ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: [Psalm 2:1-2] ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

4. The Holy Spirit has five principle functions

The Holy Spirit is to _____ us of sin and lead us into righteousness

The Holy Spirit is to _____ us into all truth (including giving us what to say in difficult times)

The Holy Spirit is to _____ the future (foretell events) & declare important events (forth-tell events)

The Holy Spirit is to _____ for us and pick up the weight or burden for us

5. Before Pentecost the disciples were: _____, _____, & _____.

6. After Pentecost the disciples were: _____, _____, & _____.