

Pentecost: The Gift of the Lord Jesus

Introduction

- A. The Day of Pentecost is the fourth aspect of the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus.
- B. There is a close connection between this fourfold work of our Savior.
 - 1. In His Crucifixion He provided **cleansing**.
 - 2. In His Resurrection He provided **enablement**.
 - 3. In His Ascension He provided **freedom**.
 - 4. In Pentecost He provided **anointing**.
- C. While all believers have received the full value of these four deeds legally, only those who surrender to God, choose to live in harmony with the four deeds by faith, love, and hope -- have the power, joy, and fruitfulness of this provision in their daily life.

I. The Prophetic Explanation of the Day of Pentecost.

- A. The prophecy of Joel.

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.
Joel 2:28,29

Comment: This is a prophecy regarding a coming day in which all of God's people will be anointed in an equal manner. We are told on that day there will be no distinction of age, gender or cultural standing. And, unusual things will/may happen to everyone: prophecy, dreams, and visions. (Emphasis: the greatness of God's provision: giving us a Person -- the Holy Spirit.)

- B. The prophecy of John the Baptist.

John ... [preached] ... And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Mark 1:6-8

Comment: When John used the words "**baptize you with the Holy Spirit**" he was referring to the action of the Lord Jesus that we call "regeneration/salvation." In that moment in time when we are given the gift of eternal life, we are brought into a living relationship with the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Holy Spirit. From that moment on the Holy Spirit indwells us to apply to us the redeeming work of the Lord Jesus. See I Cor 11:13 (Emphasis: truths of John 3:3,5; Titus 3:5; and I Peter 1:3)

C. The prophecy of the Lord Jesus.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- John 14:16

Comment: The prayer of the Lord Jesus underlines the importance of the Holy Spirit in our daily life. His name "Counselor" means "one called alongside to help." It is not a very spiritual attitude for a believer to say -- "I don't really need the Holy Spirit and His work in my life" when the Lord Jesus died to make His presence possible and commands us to be "filled" with Him.

II. The Powerful Provision Found in the Day of Pentecost.

A. The Holy Spirit has come to **indwell the believer**. I Cor. 6:19, 20

B. The Holy Spirit has come to **enable the believer** to live a holy life. Rom. 8:13,14

C. The Holy Spirit has come to **preserve and protect** the believer. Eph. 1:13,14

D. The Holy Spirit has come to **fill** the believer. Eph. 5:18-21

E. The Holy Spirit has come to **fill the believer with spiritual power**. Acts 1:8

F. The Holy Spirit has come to **enable the believer** to be fruitful. Gal. 5:22,23

G. The Holy Spirit has come to **give the believer gifts**. I Cor. 12:4,7

H. The Holy Spirit has come to **enable the believer to enjoy spiritual things**. Rom. 15:13.

III. The Commandment Related to the Day of Pentecost.

Do not get drunk on wine ... Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Eph 5:18

Comment: The grammatical construction of "**filled**" can be translated "**be constantly being**

filled with the Holy Spirit." It is important to recognize that this is a command. If we are concerned with being obedient Christians -- then we must obey this command and learn how to be filled -- and constantly so.

How can we account for the evident fact that so many of us are not so filled? **It is because we are not desperate. Most believers have the attitude "I would like to be filled with the Spirit, but if it doesn't happen -- I have a good life, a good job, a good family, a good church -- and I'll be all right." We are not desperate. And, so, we live out of the will of God, grieving the Holy Spirit, are empty hollow people, and live without love, joy, peace, power and fruit.**

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