The Day of Pentecost

I. The Importance of the Day of Pentecost.

A. It was and is an evidence of the faithfulness of God in fulfilling His Word, Joel 2:28,29; Acts 2:16-18.
B. It was and is a testimony to the completion of the atonement and to the exaltation of Jesus Christ, Acts 2:33.
C. It was and is a witness to the unity of all believers in Jesus Christ and to their common goal, I Cor. 12:1-31; Eph. 4:1-16.

II. The Day of Pentecost and Salvation.

A. The need in salvation met by the Day of Penteoost.

1. The need of conviction of sin — sinful man is dogmatically self-righteous, Romans 1:23-32.
2. The need of repentance and faith — sinful man is dead to God, Eph. 2:1-3.
3. The need of gifts and enablement — sinful man is without understanding, Romans 1:21,22; 3:11,12.
4. The need of unification and anointing — sinful man is selfishly unconcerned, Romans 3:13-18.

B. The provision for salvation in the Day of Pentecost.

1. The provision of the Holy Spirit to convict men of sin, John 16:8-11.
2. The provision of the Holy Spirit to bring men to repentance and faith, John 3:5; Titus 3:5.
3. The provision of the Holy Spirit to enable the Christian and to give him gifts, John 7:37-39; 15:26,27; 16:13-15; Acts 1:4-8; Eph. 4:7; I Cor. 12.
4. The provision of the Holy Spirit to unite all Christians into the Church, Acts 2:38,47; I Cor. 12:13-31.

C. The Biblical Description of Cod's Provision in the Holy Spirit.

1. The Old Testament prophecy, Joel 2:28,29. Cod promised a day would come when all of His people would be anointed alike.
2. The purpose in sending the Holy Spirit.

   a. The purpose stated, John 16:14. He has come to glorify Jesus Christ,
   b. The means of achieving this purpose, John 7:37-39; 15:26,27. He will glorify Christ through the sanctification and service of the believer.

3. The work of the Holy Spirit summarized.

   a. Regarding the Church — the Body of Christ.

      On the Day of Pentecost the Ascended Lord Jesus Christ bestowed the Holy Spirit upon His people, Acts 2:33. In this act the Church was brought into existence, Acts 2:47. When one becomes a Christian today, he automatically becomes a member of that baptized and anointed Church, and possesses all the value and power of the Day of Pentecost, Romans 8:9; I Cor. 12:13.

b. Regarding the individual Christian.

1. He is born again by the Holy Spirit, John 3:3,5.
2. He is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 3:16.
3. He is sealed by the Holy Spirit, II Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13,14; 4:30.
4. He is baptized by the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 12:13.
5. He is gifted by the Holy Spirit, I Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:7.
6. He is anointed by the Holy Spirit, John, 7:37-39; Acts 1:8.
7. He is taught by the Holy Spirit, John 15:26,27, 16:12-15; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 6:17; I John 2:20,27.
8. He is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, Romans 8:13-16,26; Gal. 5:16-18, 22-25.

III. The Day of Pentecost and Sanctification.

A. The warning — we may not sin against the Holy Spirit.

(see the sheet on The Sins Against the Holy Spirit.)

B. The exhortation — Be filled with the Holy Spirit," Eph. 5:18.

1. The condition to be met in fulfilling this exhortation.
   a. We must daily choose to cooperate with the Holy Spirit by living in harmony with His indwelling presence, I Cor. 6:19,20.
      1. He is the "Holy Spirit" — we must practice holiness in daily life.
      2. He is the "Comforter" — we must exercise faith in daily life.
      3. He is the "Spirit of Truth" —

   b. We must daily choose to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in His purpose to glorify Jesus Christ in and through our lives. This is done by giving Christ, through faith and love, His rightful place in daily life.
      1. He is our Lord, Luke 6:46.
      2. He is our Sanctification, I Cor. 1:30.
      3. He is the Living Word, John 1:14; Rev. 19:13.
      4. He is the Head of the Churoh, Eph. 1:22.
      5. He is the Lord of the Harvest Field, Matt. 9:38.

   c. We must daily choose to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in His. work of personal sanctification. He seeks to apply the work of Christ in our character and practice.
      1. Because of the Crucifixion — we must "put off the old man," Eph. 4:22.
      2. Because of the Resurrection — we must "put on the new man," Eph. 4:24
      3. Because of the Ascension — we must "resist the Devil," Eph.4:27.

2. The promise of God in regard to this exhortation, Galatians 5:22,23.
   a. There will be love — instead of selfishness.
   b. There will be joy — instead of self-pity.
   c. There will be peace — instead of despair.
   d. There will be longsuffering — instead of impatience.
   e. There will be gentleness — instead of irritability.
   f. There will be goodness — instead of malice.
   g. There will be faithfulness --instead of unfaithfulness,
   h. There will be meekness — instead of dogmatism.
   i. There will be self-control — instead of irrational compulsiveness.

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