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# PENTECOST

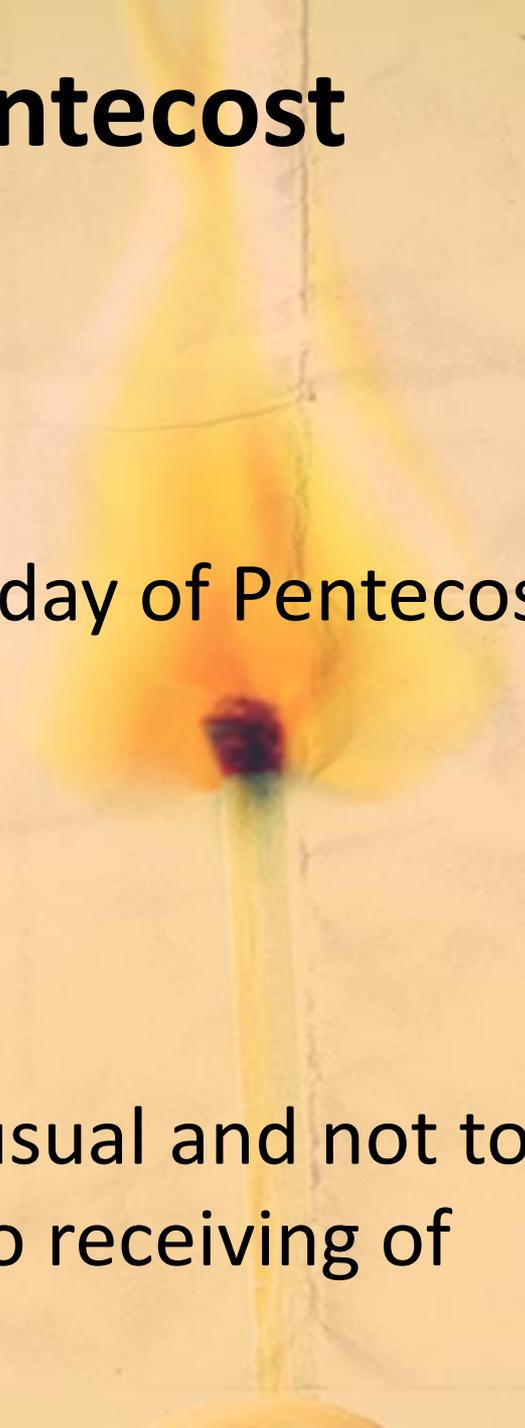
Act 1:4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

- Acts 2:1-12 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

- Leviticus 23 is the single chapter that can sum up God's eternal plan -- from chaos to eternity. This is ingeniously revealed through the nature and timing of the Seven annual Feasts of the LORD
  - The Sabbath Day (i.e., Shabbat, a weekly feast)
  - Passover (*Pesach*) - *Nisan 14-15*
  - Unleavened Bread (*Chag Hamotzi*) - *Nisan 15-22*
  - First Fruits (*Yorn habikkurim*) - *Nisan 16-17*
  - Pentecost (*Shavu'ot*) - *Sivan 6-7*
  - Trumpets (*Yorn Teru'ah*) - *Tishri 1*
  - Atonement (*Yorn Kippur*) - *Tishri 10*
  - Tabernacles (*Sukkot*) - *Tishri 15-22*

# The Significance of Pentecost for us Today

- **Signs at Pentecost**
- Three things happened on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-4) –
  - the rushing wind,
  - the tongues of fire and
  - the speaking in tongues.
- Many have deemed this as unusual and not to be seen as normal in relation to receiving of the Holy Spirit.



- **Signs in O.T.**

- Numbers 11:24-27

- 1 Samuel 10:1-11

- Vs. 6 At that time the Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them. You will be changed into a different person.

- Samuel gives Saul three signs. They are:-

- 1. The information that the donkeys had been found and his father was now worried about Saul.

- 2. Three men bringing food and offering Saul some of this food.

- 3. He will meet a group of prophets and the Spirit of the Lord will come upon him and transform him.

- 1 Samuel 19:18-24

# Book of Acts – The Acts of the Apostles

- Apostles filled with the Holy Spirit
  - Sign and wonders followed
- **Acts 8:14-24** Some outward sign of receiving the Holy Spirit because Simon offered money for it.
- **Act 10:44-46** Holy Spirit falls upon all who were listening, ( speaking with tongues and exalting God.)
- **Acts 19:1-6** “they began speaking with tongues and prophesying”

# The Holy Spirit accomplished three things at Pentecost:

- Personal Witness (v. 2 & 6)
- Personal connection (v. 3)
  - They didn't need someone else to intermedicate for them anymore. They had the Personal Presence of God Almighty dwelling within them.
  - I Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?
- Personal power (v. 4, 7, 11, 12)

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# • Power of the Holy Spirit

- When God sends forth the Spirit amazing things happen
- God is up to something...





