

PENTECOST – PETER’S SERMON – ACTS 2:34-47

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A CHURCH IS BORN - Acts 2:22-47

The best way to understand Pentecost is not through the prophecies in the Old Testament, but through the New Testament fulfillment, not through Joel but through Jesus. Notice as Peter summons the men of Israel to listen to him. He goes on and tells the story in six stages (vs. 22-41):

- Jesus’ life and ministry (v. 22); Jesus’ death (v. 23); Jesus’ resurrection (vs. 24-32).
- Jesus’ exaltation (vs. 33-36); Jesus’ salvation (vs. 37-39); Jesus’ new community (vs. 40-42)

PETER’S SERMON AT PENTECOST

(Act 2:34-47) Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: [34] 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, [35] TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL." [36] "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." [37] Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" [38] Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." [40] And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." [41] Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. [42] And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. [43] Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. [44] Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, [45] and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. [46] So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

v. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

- *(Php 2:9-11) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, [10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Vs. 34-35 "THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, [35] "TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL."

- *(Psa 110:1) The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."*
- *(Heb 2:8) YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.*
- **God prophesied his ascension – (Mat 22:41-46)**

v.36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

- **Peter summarizes his sermon with a powerful statement of certainty:** The OT prophecies of resurrection and exaltation provide evidence that overwhelmingly points to the crucified Jesus as the

Messiah.

THE CHURCH BEGAN WHEN THE PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THE MESSAGE – Acts 2:37-47

v. 37 “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart”

- **They were convicted of sin.** It is a sin problem that if it is not dealt with, I going to spend eternity without Jesus Christ!
- **The men were convicted and asked Peter for counsel.** Peter told them to repent, believe and be baptized. In that way they would be identifying themselves with Jesus as the Christ. This is the same message John the Baptist (*Mar 1:4*) and Jesus (*Mat 4:17*) preached. To make baptism essential for salvation and the receiving of the Spirit is to deny the experience of the Gentiles in (*Act 10:44-48*) which is God’s pattern for today. The Jews in (*Act 2:1-47*) received the Spirit when they repented and were baptized; the Samaritans in (*Act 8:1-40*) received the Spirit by the laying on of the apostles’ hands; but believers today receive the Spirit when they believe, as did the Gentiles in (*Act 10:1-48*). There is no salvation in the waters of baptism, for salvation is by faith in Jesus.

v. 38 “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”

- **They were exhorted to repent and be baptized** – What does the “remission of sins” refer to? (*Mt. 28:19; 1Pe 3:20*) The water does not save you, but it is a type. Death, burial, and His resurrection) Saying “goodbye to the old and are now a part of the new”!

v. 39 “to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

- **Here we see the believers today (ourselves)!!**

v. 41 “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

- **They were counted** among the believers!

v. 42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

- **They were committed** to being a part of that local church. It was a **learning church!** It was a **loving church!** It was a **worshipping church!** It was an **evangelistic church!**
- **Notice that the new community – the church:** All those things must be voluntary! **IS THAT YOUR COMMITMENT?**

v. 44 “Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,”

v. 45 “and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.”

v. 46 “So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house,

- **They were concerned** for one another.

v. 47 “praising God and having favor with all the people.

- **They were constrained to praise God** and reach others. Notice the result!!!

Pray for: Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Court. 2026 Cabinet Members: President; **Donald Trump**; VP: **J.D. Vance**; Sec of State: **Marco Rubio**; Speaker of the House: **Mike Johnson**; Senate Majority Leader: **John Thune**; Treasury Sec: **Scott Bessent**; War Sec: **Pete Hegseth**; Homeland Security Sec: **Markwayne Mullin**; Attorney General: Interim Appointee, **Todd Blanche**.

SPIRIT SONG – *Maranatha (3:25)*

*Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and
make you whole Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as
your hearts are filled with joy Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name Oh, give him all your tears
and sadness, give him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with
his Spirit and his love; Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul Oh, let him have the things that hold
you, and his Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole He'll descend upon your
life and make you whole*