

“It is Finished... But there’s More”

Acts 2:1-4

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INTRO ...Today is one of the most special days on God's eternal calendar! ...It is "Pentecost Sunday"!

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THE BIBLE'S MAIN POINT ...the Bible is always having to be rescued from becoming a ***"Moral Manual"***—some kind of guide book for living a 'better life' or a 'more moral life'.
...While it does that, the main point is NOT improving human existence—It is RESTORING That Which Was Lost!

—the 'Person & Work of Jesus Christ Event' must be recognized as the 'sum of its parts':

- **The 'Person & Life of Christ'**... He was God living the life of man in order to fulfill the purpose/destiny that Adam and all humanity never fulfilled. **...*BUT, the story can't end there!***...You can't just have 'Jesus the Moral Messenger'!
- **His Death**... was the substitutionary sacrifice that provided THE Innocent one to take the place of all the guilty—His death was Propitiatory and by it the Veil of Separation was Torn. **...*BUT, the story can't end there!***
- **His Resurrection**... was the Divine Pronouncement that God Orchestrated this Event and Accepted Christ's Payment ("He was raised for our justification").
...*BUT, the story doesn't and must not end there!*

"It is finished... But There's More!" ...Don't stop short of what God was doing!

The aim of cooking is eating. The aim of digging wells and clearing springs is drinking. Everything Jesus came to do and teach is aimed at providing the soul with food and drink that satisfy forever." John Piper, "Out of Your Heart Will Flow Rivers of Living Waters"

Jesus Anticipation of Pentecost

Jn 13-18... Jesus Last Night with His Disciples (on the Eve of Crucifixion)

- **Jn 14:16-17, 25-26**
- **Jn 16:4-7** ...Jesus clearly shifts to the Next Agenda Item—v.4 "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you..."
- **Jn 17:26** ...Jesus Prayer for His Disciples—features awareness of the Work of the Spirit IN THEM
- **Jn 7:37-39**... Jesus mindful anticipation of the Spirit in our Inner Being!

NOTE: the 'giving of the Spirit' that Jesus anticipates is on the Other Side of Him Being Glorified!

There was an experience of the Spirit that could not be enjoyed until Jesus had died for our sins, been raised triumphant over death, and ascended to the right of the Father in glory." John Piper, "Out of Your Heart Will Flow Rivers of Living Waters"

....**Jn 20:17**... Awaiting the Ascension

John 17:4-5 | glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

....**Jn 20:19-22** ...The Breath of the Spirit—This Hasn't Been Observed Since EDEN!!

Lk 24:44-49 ...Wait! It is Finished... But There's More!!

- **Acts 1:4-11**... Insights given just before the Ascension!

PENTECOST

... and now, the NEXT Installment of God's Dwelling—His INDWELLING PRESENCE!!

Acts 2:1-4

- Insights from Mt. Sinai—The Mountain & the Tabernacle
 - God revealed His manifest Presence at Mt. Sinai ...then He revealed it through the Tabernacle/Temple ...Now, this is the Next Big Upgrade!!!
 - 1 Cor 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
 - 2 Cor 6:16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
.... **THIS is the Big Thing that God is after!!** ...It is lost in Eden, it is reintroduced in Ex 25 ...It is more fully realized in Acts 2 ...it is Our Ultimate Destination in Rev 21!!!

The Interesting Characteristics of THIS Indwelling:

- Remember, the Tabernacle introduced all kinds of unique elements to man approaching and experiencing the presence of God.
- The Indwelling that Begins at Pentecost is also going to introduce all kinds of elements of relating to God and experiencing God, that previously was not revealed— but now, they are normative!!

v.4 ... "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

- **There is some experience called the "filling of the Holy Spirit"**
- **There is phenomena like 'Speaking in other tongues' ...**

...The Tabernacle had Curtains and Veils and Lampstand and Incense Altar and Glory in the form of Fire & Smoke ...The Next Indwelling Installment has Gifts and Fruit and Inner Strength and Inner Revelation and Miracles and Boldness

- It is a Mystery to how *some people greet the "Pentecostal Age" with this "Pick & Choose Approach!!"* ...No one lets themselves pick and choose in the Tabernacle!

...We Must Not Become a People Who Give Ourselves Permission to Downgrade the Dwelling Presence of God! ...We must not become a people who are OK with living with God at a distance! ...We must be a people like Moses, who experienced so much of the Manifest Presence of God and then prayed, "Show Me More!"

- There have always been people who will settle for less!

...But this "Dwelling" is NOT about what we want it to be like—It is about What God Wants!!

Pentecost ...and the Last Days

In the same way that the Tabernacle/Temple elements became characteristic of God's people in that 'era' ...Pentecostal Elements should be characteristic of God's people in the "Last Days Era"

Acts 2:14-21... The General Character of the Spirit Dwelling in the Last Days

- v. 17-18 ...Characterized by An Outpouring of the Spirit—"Flowing rivers of living water" ... "Fillings"
- v. 17 ...Characterized by Personal & Individual Manifestations of the Spirit
 - This is Not an Exhaustive List... merely a statement of what sort of things to expect
 - The N.T. Writers will fill in many more details (Ex's of encounters ... exhortations to being 'filled' ...Lists of Spiritual Gifts ... intercessory prayer for MORE!)

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