

“Living a Post-Pentecost Life”

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INTRO... Presence of God Timeline



Anticipating a Post-Pentecost Life

Jeremiah 31:31-33 *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*

Ezekiel 36:25-29 *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses...*

John 4:13-14 *Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

John 7:37-39 *On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Luke 24:44-49 *Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

Acts 2:1-4, 16-21 *When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
... ¹⁶ *But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:*
¹⁷ *“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’*

What Will Characterize THESE Days? (The “Post-Pentecost Life)

- **The Inner Dimension Work described by Jeremiah & Ezekiel, Jesus & Paul!** ...The Dawn of New Inner DESIRES and COMPULSIONS!!
 - **Philippians 2:13** *"for it is God who works in you, both will and to work for His good pleasure"*
 - An EAGERNESS for OBEDIENCE! [**Ezekiel 36:27** *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*]
 - ...**Obedience Has PENTECOST tucked inside of it ...for the Christian!!** ... "If you love me, you WILL keep my commandments" ... "for the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit"!!
 - John 14:21** *Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.*
 - Romans 5:5** *...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*
 - Romans 15:13** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*
 - Our Sense of "BELONGING" to the Father is NOT some Outside-In learned behavior—It is the Result of PENTECOST!
 - Galatians 4:6** *And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*
- **A Life Characterized by Actions of Obedience!** [**Ezekiel 36:27** *And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*]
 - Carefulness ...Intentionality ...Redirecting Wayward Thoughts & Actions ...Doing what is Hard ...This Characterizes the Christian in the Pentecostal Age!!
- **The EXPERIENCING of the "Desperate,Thirst-Quenching Water"** offered to all the Women at a Well ...or... the Crowds Gathered at Concerts, Sporting Events, Political Rallies, and in Religious Buildings!
- **MOMENTS of "prophecy, dreams, signs, & wonders"** (Acts 2:17ff)

"Moments"??

"In contrast to most of us, eschatology—a unique understanding of the time of the End—conditioned the early believers' existence in every way. The first clue to this outlook came from Jesus' own proclamation of the kingdom—as a present reality in his ministry, although still a future event. But it was the resurrection of Christ and the gift of the promised (eschatological) Spirit that completely altered the primitive church's perspective, both about Jesus and about themselves. In place of a totally future eschatology of their Jewish roots, with its hope of a coming Messiah and the resurrection of the dead, the early church recognized that the future had already been set in motion. The resurrection of Christ marked the beginning of the End, the turning of the ages. However, the End had only begun; they still awaited the final event, the (now second) coming of the Messiah Jesus, at which time they too would experience the resurrection/transformation of the body. They lived 'between the times'; already the future had begun, not yet had it been consummated. From the New Testament perspective the whole of Christian existence—and theology—has this eschatological 'tension' as its basic framework." **Gordon Fee**, "God's Empowering Presence", p. 803

Post-Pentecost = Both a POSSESSING & PURSUING Posture

Ephesians 1:3, 13-14 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ...¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

...Something massive has arrived NOW!! ...we ARE (right now) blessed with every spiritual blessing
...we ARE sealed with the Holy Spirit ...yet there is still something waiting.

Ephesians 5:15-18 *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...*

...In this "Post-Pentecost" (You are Here) location ...there is such a thing as being FILLED with the SPIRIT—ie, there is MORE!! ...and there is also "LESS"

Ephesians 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

1Thessalonians 5:19 *"Do not quench the Spirit."*

2 Timothy 1:6-7 *"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*