

The Purpose of Pentecost

The Problem

- Genesis 2: 16 – 17 – you will die
- Genesis 3: 4 - you will not die
- Romans 5:12 – they died, and sin/death entered the world
- Ephesians 2:1-4 – we are under the power of Satan

Incarnation, Crucifixion, and the Resurrection resolved the problem.

- 1 John 3:8 - Jesus born to destroy the works of the devil
- Acts 10:38 – Jesus filled with the Spirit healing all oppressed of the devil
- Colossians 2: 14-15 – canceled out the record of our sins
- Hebrews 9:11-14 – Jesus obtained for us eternal redemption through His blood
- Colossians 1:13-14 – delivered us from the dominion of darkness
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 – we become righteous through the work of Jesus

Our Need – Born Again by the Spirit of God

- Jeremiah 31:31-33 – A new covenant declared – God’s law within us
- John 3:3-5 – you must be born again
- Matthew 3: 11- He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
- Luke 24:48 – Wait and I will send you the promise of the Father (the Holy Spirit).
- Acts 1:8 -

Resurrection Sunday – John 20:19-22 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,^[c] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. *As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.*”

- Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit
- Jesus was baptized and the Holy Spirit descended.
- Jesus ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus defeated Satan through the power of the Holy Spirit
- Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit

²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “*Receive the Holy Spirit.*”²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

- They received divine breath that gives life and salvation.
- They received eternal life.
- They received authority to forgive sins.
- They moved from death to life.

- Romans 10:9,10 – confess, believe, saved.
- Jesus breathed His new life into them, just as God breathed new life into Adam Gen. 2:7
- They received the Holy Spirit for salvation and a new life.
- They were victorious over sin (forgiven), Satan (delivered from penalty of sin) and death (eternal life).
- This was wonderful but incomplete:
 - No real direction – Peter went fishing.
 - No impact on Jerusalem – they were the temple daily, but no ministry.
 - No power – they were to tarry and wait until they received more. (Acts 1:4-8).

Pentecost Sunday (49 days later, 10 days after the Ascension)

- Promise of the Father Fulfilled
- Acts 2:1-4
- Mighty rushing wind – audible
- Flaming tongues of fire – visible and audible
- Speaking in other tongues – visible and audible
- All received – Spirit is for everyone.
- Spirit came down from above and descended (drenched completely) the disciples.
- The overflow was a supernatural language, as Spirit gave them utterance.
- Matthew 12:34 – out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- Disciples received supernatural power.
- Disciples received boldness to witness.
- Disciples were released into the apostolic ministry (signs and wonders).
- Disciples received insight into scripture – Peter reference to Joel.
- Immediate impact on Jerusalem
- Was manifest to others – 9 o'clock in the morning.
- 3000 became believers.
- Transformation – signs, wonders, generosity, prayer, breaking bread, fellowship, study
- Acts 2:38 – 42

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Resurrected Jesus
 Spirit of God imparted/breath
 Result: Life

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Ascended and Glorified Jesus
 Spirit of God Poured Out – visible/audible.
 Result: Power

Purpose of Pentecost – The Coming of the Holy Spirit

- John 14:26 – Teach us all things
- John 14:16 – Help us
- John 14:12 – Enable us to do what Jesus did
- John 16:13 – Guide us into all truth – reveal to us what is to come.

- John 16: 8 – Convict the world of sin, righteousness and Judgment

Justification – Just as if I have never sinned. – Romans 5-1,9

Sanctification – becoming set apart from sin – Romans 6: 1-6, Romans 8:1-2, Gal 2:20

Transformation – Romans 12: 1-4