

## **I. God's Calendar**

- A. As we read in the exodus narrative we learn that God instituted multiple holidays or feasts throughout the calendar year that are very significant. Each feast speaks prophetically of redemptive truths and events that would be coming in the future in order to fulfill God's promises of restoration.
  
- B. Pentecost - The fourth appointed feast of God was the spring feast of "Pentecost" or the "Feast of Weeks". This feast took place 50 days (Penta) after the feast of First fruits and was first understood as an agricultural feast of the wheat harvest. The Hebrew word for this feast is Shavuot.
  - 1. This final spring feast was to follow 50 days (counting Omer) after the Feast of First Fruits. At that time, you were to offer the first fruits of the wheat harvest (Latter First Fruits). Two loaves of leavened wheat made from the finest flour were offered along with multiple animal sacrifices. This was one of the three times per year that all the men of Israel were to gather in Jerusalem (Deut. 16:16). Pentecost was designated as time of great thanksgiving for the early harvest in hopes for an abundant fall harvest. (Lev. 23:15-20)
  
  - 2. Tradition holds that the Israelites came to Mount Sinai in the 3rd month after the first Passover and exodus from Egypt. Therefore, indicating that Moses was given the Law (10 Commandments) by the Lord at the feast of Pentecost. (Ex. 19-20)
  
- C. Roughly 1000 years after the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai devout Jewish men from all over the region came together as they had done year after year to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Only this time another divine inbreaking of God in His perfect timing and plan to restore all that was lost at Eden was about to come to pass.

## **II. The Event**

- A. Upon His resurrection from the dead Jesus taught His disciples and showed many proofs that He truly was alive. On the fortieth day of His resurrection He reminded them of the promise that He had made to them concerning the coming of the Holy Spirit. He then commanded them not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the necessary gift of the Holy Spirit in order to be complete. (Acts. 1:1-9)

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- B. As Jesus commanded, this small band of 120 disciples gathered in an upper room and began to contend for the promise He made them to be manifest. Ten days later on the feast of Pentecost, for the first time in the history of humanity, the Holy Spirit of God came upon a corporate people. He came upon both men and women, and filled them with power. (Acts. 2:1-41)
  
- C. A compare and contrast of these two powerful events (Mt. Sinai and Holy Spirit outpouring) shows beyond a shadow of a doubt that God ordained and planned these events.

### **Mt. Sinai the Giving of the Torah (God's Nature and Character written on Stone)**

1. 50 days after the crossing of Red Sea. (First Fruits) (Ex. 14:13-31)
2. The people commanded to gather and consecrated through Moses the intercessor. (Ex. 19:10-11)
3. The sign of the Lord's presence was Mt. Sinai covered in fire, smoke, thunder lightning, and the mountain shook. (Ex. 19:16,18)
4. The trumpet of God (Shofar) was sounded from heaven calling the people to gather closer to the mountain. (Ex. 19:16-17,19)
5. The Lord wrote His righteous ways (law) on tablets of stone that men would understand his righteousness. (Ex. 31:18)
6. God revealed His desire to dwell with His people forever. (Ex. 25:8, 29:45-46)
7. The Lord instructed a replication of His temple in Heaven be made on the Earth. (Ex. 25:9, 25:40, 26:30)
8. God set apart for Himself a priesthood whose primary role would be perpetual intercession and worship resulting in the continual abiding presence of Gods Glory. (Ex. 27:40, 28:29-30, 29:38)
9. The people made a golden calf and worshiped it resulting in 3,000 dying at the hands of the faithful priests. (Ex. 32)

### **Upper Room the Giving of the Holy Spirit (The person of God abiding in us)**

1. 50 Days after the resurrection of Jesus. (First Fruits) (1 Cor. 15:12-28)
2. Jesus the ultimate intercessor commanded His disciples to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit and consecrated them by His word and blood. (Acts. 1:1-5)
3. The Lord gave the Holy Spirit with the sign of a sound from heaven, wind, fire, and shaking. (Acts. 2:2-4, 4:31)
4. The sound of a mighty rushing wind gathered the people to the apostles. (Acts 2:5-6)

5. The Lord wrote His law on the hearts and minds of His people through the Holy Spirit. (Ezk. 36:25-27, 2 Cor. 3)
6. God dwells in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 8:9-11)
7. We are a temple for the Holy Spirit. (2 Cor. 6:16)
8. Through the Holy Spirit we have become a royal priesthood of perpetual worship and intercession. (1 Pet. 2:5-9)
9. 3,000 Souls were saved that day through the faithful apostles. (Acts. 2:41)

### **III. Indwelt and Filled by the Holy Spirit**

- A. What John the Baptist proclaimed about Jesus and what Jesus taught them about the identity and purpose of the Holy Spirit included the realities firmly established in the Old Testament scriptures. However, they both brought some very new and powerful truths as well. When you place all of what was said about the purpose and role of the Holy Spirit within the dynamics of the New Covenant you come up with three primary things.

**The three primary purposes in the New Covenant of the Holy Spirit as revealed by scripture was to secure our relationship with Jesus, to transform our minds and hearts in love, and to show His love through supernatural power to others.**

- B. For the sake of ease of processing these truths into a comprehensive teaching we will encompass these ideas into three biblical words in which to provide categories of doctrinal themes and address the work of the Holy Spirit in each one.
1. Salvation - Securing our Relationship with Jesus
  2. Sanctification – Transform our minds and hearts in love
  3. Sent – Show His love through supernatural power to others

### **IV. Salvation – The Holy Spirit Secures our Relationship with Jesus**

- A. Through the New Covenant that was established through the death and resurrection of Jesus the Holy Spirit dwells (abides, lives, seals, joins) inside of you upon your belief (faith) in the identity of Jesus and the work of His sacrifice. This belief encompasses more than simply acknowledging the facts but a confession of your need for Him and His work. (Mat. 10:32-33; Jhn. 3:16, 6:35, 6:47, 7:48, 11:25-26; Acts 8:37, 16:31; Rom. 3:22-25, 10:9)

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1. The work of the sinless lamb slain for you was so complete and powerful there are no other requirements for salvation other than your belief or faith in order for you to enter relationship with Jesus. Upon this moment of confession of your faith the Holy Spirit enters you and takes up permanent residence in your spirit. (Lk. 23:43; Jhn. 13:10-11; Rom. 3:28, 4:13, 5:1-2; Gal. 2:16)
2. The scriptures are clear that unless you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit you are not saved. (Ez. 36:26-27; Rom. 8:2, 8:9; Eph. 1:13; Jde 1:19)

### **V. Sanctification – The Holy Spirit Transforms our Minds and Hearts**

- A. This manifestation or work of the Holy Spirit is also referred to in the scriptures as the work of transforming us or maturing us in love. The Holy Spirit convicts us of the areas in our minds and hearts that are sinful or worldly. He beckons us to repent and turn from those things that weaken our love and wholeheartedness towards Jesus. (Gal. 5:17; Rom. 8:5-8)
- B. When this transformation of the heart and mind through the power of the Holy Spirit is manifest in and through us it is called “Fruit”. Experiencing and walking in the Fruit of the Spirit is actually the number one most exhorted thing for believers in the entirety of the scriptures. (Jhn. 15:4-8, 16; Rom. 6:21-22; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9)
  1. From Genesis to Revelation God calls us over and over to feel love like He does and for our actions to flow from a heart of Godly love. At the advent of the New Covenant, achieved through the work of Cavalry, Jesus accomplished the task of empowering individuals by His Holy Spirit to actually walk out this desire for the first time since the fall. (Duet. 30:6; Jer. 24:7, 31:33; 32:39; Eze. 11:19; 36:26-27)

### **VI. Sent – The Holy Spirit gives Power to Demonstrate God’s Love**

- A. The third main purpose of the giving of the Holy Spirit is to empower us with supernatural gifts that demonstrate the love of God to others. This is referred to in scripture as being “filled” or “baptized” by the Holy Spirit. This manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of others. It is distributed by grace alone, and does not reflect the work of sanctification and in some cases salvation. (Acts. 1:8; Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12:7, 14:12; 1 Thes. 1:5; Heb. 2:4)
  1. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to build up the body and are therefore essential if we want to enter into all that Jesus paid for. (Eph. 4:7-13)