

Welcome - Part 3 A

The Purposes of Pentecost



Intro to Session 2 A

God's 'plan for man'

Restoration of everything lost since the fall of mankind.

Adam – Abraham – Moses – Jesus – Church – Second Coming – Eternity

Father initiates ... (prophesies the promise)

Son expiates... (pays the price / atone for)

Holy Spirit activates ... (presents the gifts)

What are the **Purposes of 'Pentecost'** that God has revealed?

Passover Feast...	Pentecost Feast ...	Tabernacles Feast
(1 st month)	(3 rd Month)	(7 th Month)
Planting	Growth	Harvest

- 'The Plan' is progressing at different levels through time:

Involves body of Christ as a whole, local church & personally.

Promises are central to how God does things

2 Peter 1:2-4

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

‘Revelation’ knowledge / Divine Power / Promises / Partakers

The Holy Spirit helps us in life:

Our **worship** (devotion) to God

Our **walk** in the **Word**.

Our **witness** to others of God's goodness.

Our **warfare** as we stand on the ground He has given us.

John 14:26

*²⁶ But the **Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

The nature of a 'helper'.

He does not do 'it' for us.

We speak, we pray, we act and react, not Him.

He 'helps us' do all this acceptably to honor Christ

“Without Him we cannot, without us He will not”

Sovereignty: grace & faith

God's Sovereignty:

Grace/Gifts/Giving

Our responsibility:

Faith/Obedience/Trust/Receiving

We receive what is already promised / given

Romans 5:17

*17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who **receive abundance of grace** and of the **gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)*

Apply this to the ministry of the Holy Spirit to, in & for the believer

He is integral to God's plan:

Not optional extra.

His ministry has to be received or yielded to:

He is not forced upon us.

3 Baptisms in the Bible

Baptism: *‘to dip (not dab) / ‘full immersion’*

1. John the Baptist practiced baptism for repentance for remission of sins:

Mark 1:3-4 repentance and **preparation** to receive.

2. Believers in Christ baptism:

Matthew 28:19 – outward identification with **inward change**.

3. Believers baptism in/with the Holy Spirit:

Acts 1:5 – main purpose for **power to be witnesses** to Christ.

Key EG. Apollos / Aquila & Priscilla / Paul @ Ephesus

Acts 18:24-26

4 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Note the sequence

Acts 19:1-6

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples ² he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Conclusion to Session 3 A:

- Let's open our hearts to yield to and receive all that God has promised to give us.

Person & work of the Holy Spirit (Part 3 B of the series)



How did Jesus do what He did?

Jesus, although fully God,...

...when on earth He 'functioned' in His humanity.

He was baptized in water, **and** relied on the Holy Spirit's power for service.

Matthew 3:13-17 – Spirit descended and alighted upon Him.

Acts 10:38 – Jesus was anointed for service.



Then, how did the disciples fulfill their calling & purpose?

They were saved from the power of sin, baptized to completely identify with Jesus, and empowered by the same Holy Spirit for service.

Acts 1:4-5,8

⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Day of Pentecost

The prophesied promise of the Holy Spirit outpouring was given on Pentecost 10 days after Jesus ascended to heaven.

Acts 2:1-4, 15-18, 39

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

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

15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

*17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.*

*18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.*

Promise extended to all generations...

Acts 2:38-39

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.”

The Holy Spirit's progressive work in our lives.

He causes us to be 'born again' when we accept Jesus:

John 3:5-6

⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

We drink from the well / fountain of salvation.

John 4:13-14

But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

The Holy Spirit takes us further: creates an outward flow like a river.

John 7:37-39

*37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers** of living water.”*

*39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom **those believing in Him would receive**; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

Examples of this progression

(part of a growing relationship)

- The disciples were believers who waited for the H.S. **Acts 2:4**
- Believers in Samaria had already received the word. **Acts 8:14-17**
- Cornelius' household: magnified God. **Acts 10:44-48**
- Ephesians: another step in their journey of faith. **Acts 19:1-6**

(Tongues accompanied these several experiences)

You can trust Jesus and the Father

Be open and engage with new things:

You can trust Jesus to give you what is promised.

Luke 11:11, 13

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks you for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

*If then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to **those who ask for Him!**”*

Ask.

How can I receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- Understand the purposes for the HS baptism.
- Desire whatever God has for you.
- Ask in faith.
- Receive and yield yourself.

(He will give you the utterance, but you do the speaking)

Personal testimony: (What I experienced)

- I received the baptism two weeks after I received Jesus.
- I learned to cooperate with Him and receive His help in my:
 - Worship & devotion: prayer and worship. **1 Cor 14:14-15**
 - Walk: built up in times of weakness. **Jude 20**
 - Witness: increased boldness. **Acts 2:14**

