

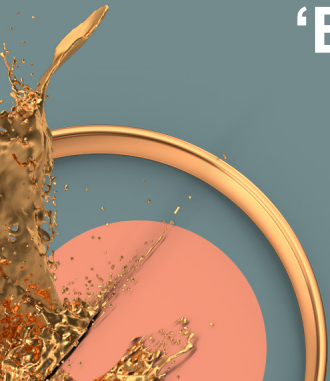


PENTECOST

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

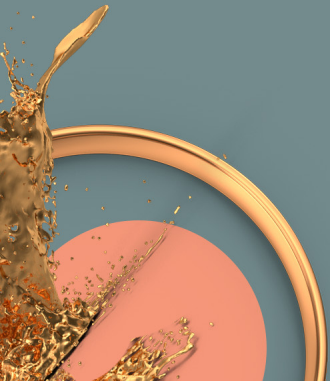
What Is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a major Christian festival celebrated 50 days after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. It is known as the 'BIRTHDAY' of the church, marking the start of the 'church age'.



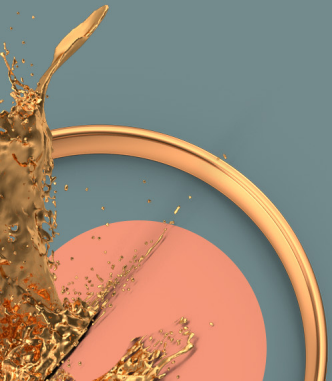
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Pentecost is the fulfillment of God's promise to baptize His church with the 'primary empowering of God' that every New Testament believer can experience.



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'It is the fulfillment of God's promise to His disciples, that they would receive power in order to accomplish His purpose to be witnesses'



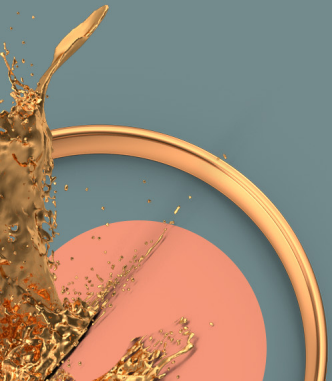
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It is one of **THREE** Hebrew feasts:

Passover

Pentecost

Trumpets



Leviticus 23:15-17

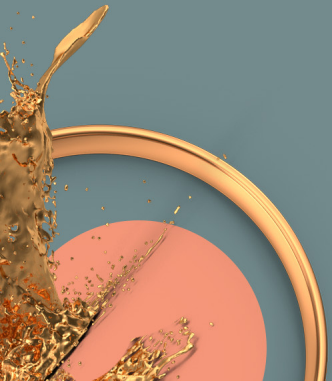
“From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. ¹⁶ Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord. ¹⁷ From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord.



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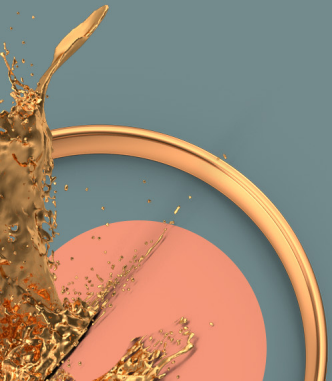


**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE
HARVEST!**



BIG IDEA

**The Spirit didn't come to make people
more comfortable. He came to make
them *new*.**



Acts 2: 1-13

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



Acts 2: 1-13

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”



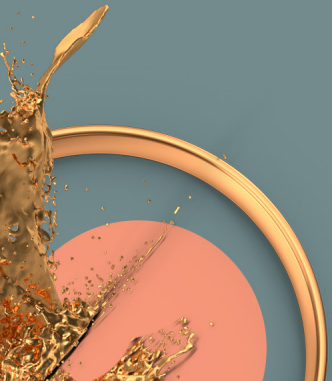
Acts 2: 1-13

Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

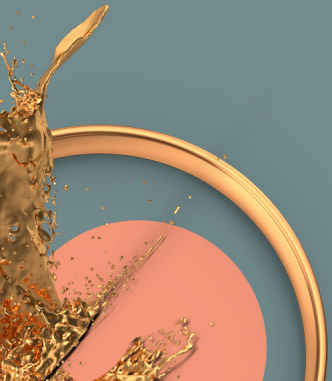


Acts 2: 1-13

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”



PENTECOST
PROVIDES
PURPOSE



Acts 1:4-5,8

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ...
⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



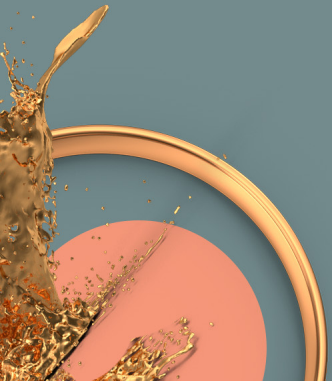
ONE PEOPLE

Acts 1: 12-14

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. **13**When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14***They all joined together constantly in prayer,* along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



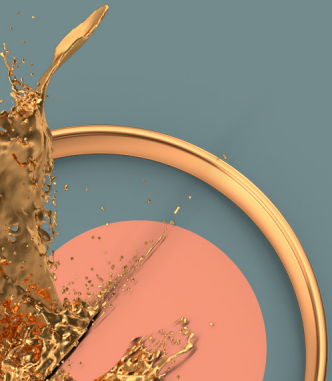
PENTECOST
PRODUCES
UNITY



ONE PLACE

Acts 2: 1

all the believers were meeting together in
one place.

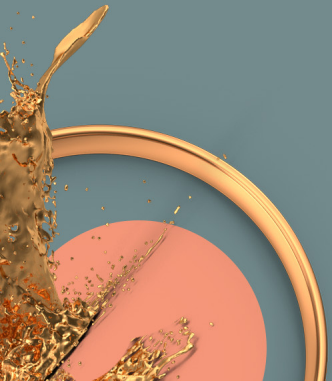


ONE POSTURE

Acts 2: 1

all the believers were meeting together in

one ACCORD.

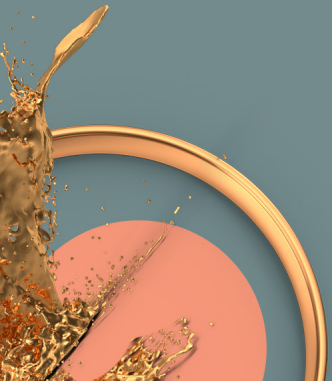


ONE IN PRAYER

Acts 1: 14

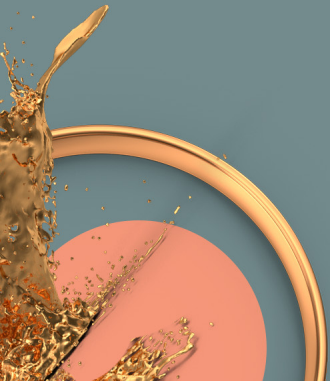


They all met together and were constantly united
in PRAYER

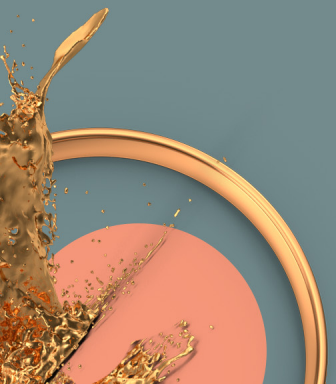




"There are many churches that have prayer meetings, but there are few churches that pray."



PENTECOST
EMPOWERS
MINISTRY

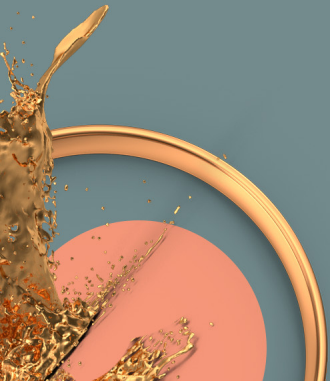


5 ENCOUNTERS *CONVICTION*



**“...convict the world of its sin, and of
God’s righteousness, and of the coming
judgment.”**

(John 16:8 NLT)

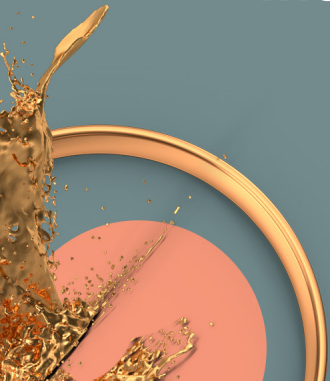


5 ENCOUNTERS *REGENERATION/RENEWAL*



But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

(Titus 3:4-5 NIV)

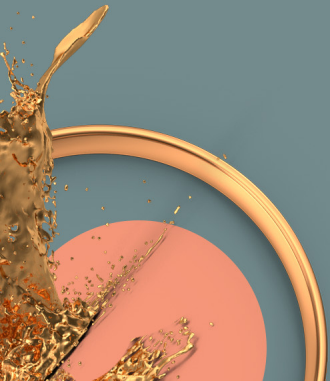


5 ENCOUNTERS *INDWELLING*



You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.

(Romans 8:9 CSB)



5 ENCOUNTERS *MATURING*



**But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
The law is not against such things.
(Gal.5:22-23 CSB)**



5 ENCOUNTERS *EMPOWERING*

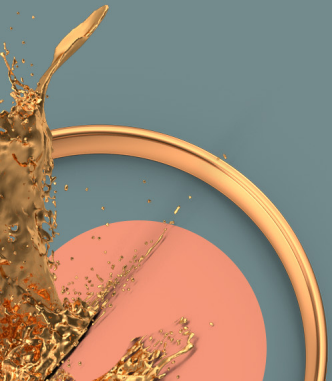


**“And it will be in the last days, says God,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all people;
then your sons and your daughters will
prophesy, your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.”**

Acts 2:17-18



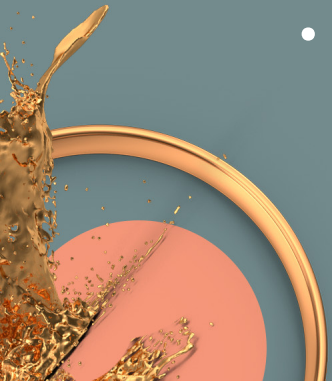
PENTECOST
PROPELS
MISSION



HOW CAN I BE SURE I RECEIVED

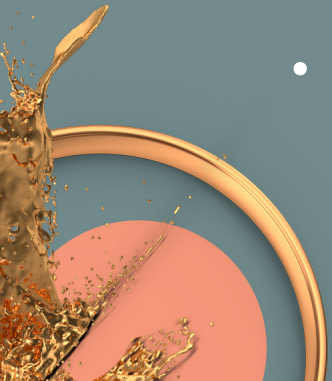


- ACTS 2:4
- ACTS 10:44-46
- ACTS 19:6-7
- MARK 16:17



WHY TONGUES?

- JAMES 3:7-8
- Spirit Baptism is about God empowering our speech
- Tongues is initial sign but not the only sign of Spirit Baptism
- It is for ALL BELIEVERS

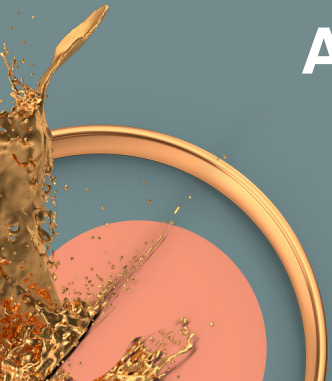


**I wish all of you spoke in tongues,
*1 Cor. 14:5a***

**So then, my brothers and sisters, be eager to
prophecy, and do not forbid speaking in
tongues**

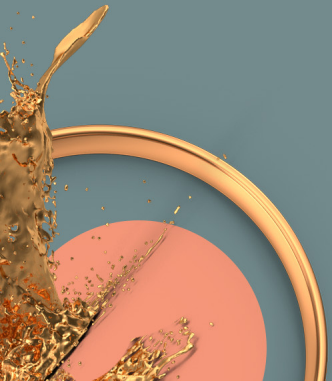
1 Cor. 14:39

**And these signs will accompany those who
believe: In my name they will drive out
demons; they will speak in new tongues;
*Mark 16:17***



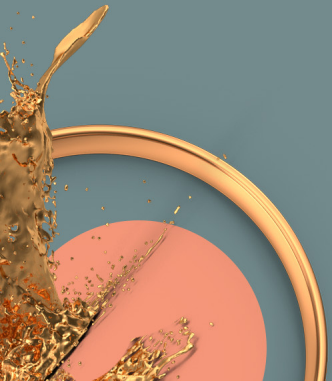
How do I receive?

- Spirit Baptism is a FREE GIFT
- Pursue JESUS
- The Spirit will come upon you
- Cooperate with the Holy Spirit by SPEAKING OUT.



THE 2 PATHS

- EASY PATH = COMFORT
- RIGHT PATH = STEPPING OUT IN FAITH.



LUKE 11:11-13

“You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”





MORE LORD!

