

CITYWEST CHURCH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pneumatology, the theological way to say the study of the Holy Spirit.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. 50 DAYS AFTER THE RESURRECTION

1. Pentecost was a pilgrim festival. That meant that according to Jewish Law, all the adult Jewish men would come from wherever they were living to Jerusalem and personally be in attendance during this celebration.

2. Pentecost was a holiday. No servile work was to be done. Schools were out. The shops were closed. It was a day to celebrate.

3. There were certain celebrations and sacrifices and offerings which were prescribed in the Law for the day of Pentecost. On Pentecost, the High Priest was to take two loaves of freshly baked wheat bread and offer them before the Lord. The wheat bread was made from newly harvested wheat.

In short, Pentecost in the time of the Apostles was a great and grand harvest celebration. The streets of Jerusalem were clogged with thousands of pilgrims who had come from every point of the compass to celebrate the goodness of God and the bringing in of the wheat harvest.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

On the day of Pentecost^[a] all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. **3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages,^[b] as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, **8** and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! **9** Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, **10** Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” **12** They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

13 But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. **15** These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. **16** No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

17 ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.**18** In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy.**19** And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke.**20** The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.**21** But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’[\[c\]](#)

Acts 2:1-21 (NLT)

*So here we go, a deep dive into the Holy Spirit with the goal of going through the gifts of the spirit in the framework of 1 Cor 12:7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us **so we can help each other.***

But today on Pentecost Sunday, we need to start with the basics, the 101, of who is the Holy Spirit.

101 denotes the basic knowledge of a topic or a collection of introductory material to a topic.

We as a church are committed to being a bible based, we believe scripture, including the scriptures of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is first mentioned in Genesis 1:2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Throughout the rest of the OT the Holy Spirit is mentioned 90 times, and in the NT He is mentioned 260 times, 2 and 3 John are the only NT books not to mention the Holy Spirit.

He is last mentioned in Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” Let anyone who hears this say, “Come.” Let anyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who desires drink freely from the water of life.

JESUS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“If you love me, obey my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,^[e] who will never leave you. **17** He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.^[f] **18** No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. **19** Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. **20** When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21** Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

John 14:15-21 (NLT)

Jesus makes it clear that the Holy Spirit is good, another of the same kind. The Holy Spirit leads into all truth.

THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS DIVINE ASSOCIATION WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON, BUT HAS A DISTINCT DIFFERENCE ALSO.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened^[g] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

Matt 3:16-17 (NLT)

Here we see each person of the trinity individually acting on their own but in total unison. This is a short verse but has deep long lasting theological implications for us as believers.

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit from that point on.

With today being Pentecost Sunday we are going to zero in on the Holy Spirit in the life of the church, knowing that today for the church to fulfill all its calls to do we need the Holy Spirit.

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT FORMED THE CHURCH AT PENTECOST.

On the day of Pentecost, all the believers were meeting together in one place. **2** Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. **3** Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. **4** And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS ANOINTING TO THE CHURCH

But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth.

1 John 2:20 (NLT)

You have an anointing of the Holy one.

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **13** Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

1 Cor 12:13-14 (NLT)

Without the anointing, we are just a social club, we need the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

Isa 10:27 (NKJV)

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDES DIRECTION.

Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”^[a]), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas^[b]), and Saul. 2 One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” 3 So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

Acts 13:1-3 (NLT)

“For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no greater burden on you than these few requirements: **29** You must abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. If you do this, you will do well. Farewell.”

Acts 15:28-29 (NLT)

It always seems good to the Holy Spirit first.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT GRACES AND GIFTS THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice^[b]; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.^[c] **9** The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages,^[d] while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** ***It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.***

1 Cor 12:4-11 (NLT)

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

Gal 5:22-23 (NLT)

Connect Group Questions:

- 1. How does the Holy Spirit impact your Christian walk?**
- 2. Can you share a testimony of the Holy Spirit's power to be a witness?**
- 3. What stood out to you most about the Holy Spirit's role in the church?**