



Lesson 3 - Pentecost

Based on Acts 2:1-39

1) Were the Disciples sad when they returned to Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension?

Luke 24:51-52 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they _____ him, and returned to Jerusalem with great _____:

As the disciples returned from Olivet to Jerusalem, the people looked on them, expecting to see on their face's expressions of sorrow, confusion, and defeat; but they saw there gladness and triumph. The disciples did not now mourn over disappointed hopes. They had seen the risen Saviour, and the words of His parting promise echoed constantly in their ears.

2) How did they spend their time in Jerusalem?

Luke 24:53 And were continually in the temple, _____ and blessing God. Amen.

In obedience to Christ's command, they waited in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father—the outpouring of the Spirit. They did not wait in idleness. They also met together to present their requests to the Father in the name of Jesus. They knew that they had a Representative in heaven, an Advocate at the throne of God. In solemn awe they bowed in prayer.

3) What Promise did they repeat?

John 16:23-24 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in _____, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

4) What hope did the Disciples share with Paul?

Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh _____ for us.

As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief. As they called to remembrance the words that Christ had spoken to them before His death they understood more fully their meaning. Truths which had passed from their memory were again brought to their minds, and these they repeated to one another. They reproached themselves for their misapprehension of the Saviour.

They were comforted by the thought that they were forgiven. And they determined that, so far as possible, they would atone for their unbelief by bravely confessing Him before the world.

Putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. They drew nearer and nearer to God, and as they did this, they realized what a privilege had been theirs in being permitted to associate so closely with Christ.

5) What Wonderful Promise came to fruition?

Acts 2:1-2 And when the day of _____ was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty _____, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

The Spirit came upon the waiting, praying disciples with a fullness that reached every heart. The Infinite One revealed Himself in power to His church. It was as if for ages this influence had been held in restraint, and now Heaven rejoiced in being able to pour out upon the church the riches of the Spirit's grace. And under the influence of the Spirit, words of penitence and confession mingled with songs of praise for sins forgiven. Words of thanksgiving and of prophecy were heard. All heaven bent low to behold and to adore the wisdom of matchless, incomprehensible love.



6) What had Christ told them previously?

John 16:7,13 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the _____ will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of _____, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

When Christ passed within the heavenly gates, He was enthroned amidst the adoration of the angels. As soon as this ceremony was completed, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in rich currents, and Christ was indeed glorified, even with the glory which He had with the Father from all eternity. The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven's communication that the Redeemer's inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and on earth, and was the Anointed One over His people.

7) What appeared over the heads of those who were assembled?

Acts 2:3-4 And there appeared unto them _____ like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other _____, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Holy Spirit, assuming the form of tongues of fire, rested upon those assembled. This was an emblem of the gift then bestowed on the disciples, which enabled them to speak with fluency languages with which they had heretofore been unacquainted. The appearance of fire signified the fervent zeal with which the apostles would labor and the power that would attend their work.

8) What does the next verse in Acts say?

Acts 2:5 And there dwelt at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every _____ under heaven.

During the dispersion the Jews had been scattered to almost every part of the inhabited world, and in their exile, they had learned to speak various languages. Many of these Jews were on this occasion in Jerusalem, attending the religious festivals then in progress. Every known tongue was represented by those assembled. This diversity of languages would have been a great hindrance to the proclamation of the gospel; God therefore in a miraculous manner supplied the deficiency of the apostles.

9) What happened?

Acts 2:6-7 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his _____ language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak _____?

The Holy Spirit did for them that which they could not have accomplished for themselves in a lifetime. They could now proclaim the truths of the gospel abroad, speaking with accuracy the languages of those for whom they were laboring. This miraculous gift was a strong evidence to the world that their commission bore the signet of Heaven. From this time forth the language of the disciples was pure, simple, and accurate, whether they spoke in their native tongue or in a foreign language.

10) What did they marvel?

Acts 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were _____?

11) What did the nay-sayers say?

Acts 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of _____.



The priests, determined to account for the miraculous power of the disciples in some natural way, declared that they were drunken from partaking largely of the new wine prepared for the feast. Some of the most ignorant of the people present seized upon this suggestion as the truth, but the more intelligent knew it to be false; and those who understood the different languages testified to the accuracy with which these languages were used by the disciples.

12) What did Peter tell the crowd?

Acts 2:14-16 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

13) What did he quote from the prophet Joel?

Joel 2:29-31 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my _____. And I will shew _____ in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

14) What did Peter add to that?

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the _____ of the Lord shall be saved.

In answer to the accusation of the priests Peter showed that this demonstration was in direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel, wherein he foretold that such power would come upon men to fit them for a special work.

15) To Whom did Peter turn their attention?

Acts 22:22-24 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by _____ and _____ and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath _____, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

16) What did Peter quote next?

Psalms 16:10-11 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see _____. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy _____ there are pleasures for evermore.

Peter did not refer to the teachings of Christ to prove his position, because he knew that the prejudice of his hearers was so great that his words on this subject would be of no effect. Instead, he spoke to them of David, who was regarded by the Jews as one of the patriarchs of their nation.

17) What did Peter say David foretold?

Acts 2:29-30 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a _____, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up _____ to sit on his throne;

18) What followed that?

Acts 2:31-32 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in _____, neither his flesh did see _____. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

The scene is one full of interest. Behold the people coming from all directions to hear the disciples witness to the truth as it is in Jesus. They press in, crowding the temple. Priests and rulers are there, the dark scowl of malignity still on their faces, their hearts still filled with abiding hatred against Christ, their hands uncleansed from the blood shed when they crucified the world's Redeemer.



They had thought to find the apostles cowed with fear under the strong hand of oppression and murder, but they find them lifted above all fear and filled with the Spirit, proclaiming with power the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth. They hear them declaring with boldness that the One so recently humiliated, derided, smitten by cruel hands, and crucified, is the Prince of life, now exalted to the right hand of God.

19) What had some present there said just a few days earlier?

Matthew 27:17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I _____ unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

John 19:6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, _____ him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

Matthew 27:24-25 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His _____ be on us, and on our children.

20) What did Peter say to everyone?

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, _____, and be _____ every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Peter urged home upon the convicted people the fact that they had rejected Christ because they had been deceived by priests and rulers; and that if they continued to look to these men for counsel and waited for them to acknowledge Christ before they dared to do so, they would never accept Him.

Under the influence of this heavenly illumination the scriptures that Christ had explained to the disciples stood out before them with the luster of perfect truth. The veil that had prevented them from seeing to the end of that which had been abolished, was now removed, and they comprehended with perfect clearness the object of Christ's mission and the nature of His kingdom. They could speak with power of the Saviour; and as they unfolded to their hearers the plan of salvation, many were convicted and convinced. The traditions and superstitions inculcated by the priests were swept away from their minds, and the teachings of the Saviour were accepted.

21) What happened that day?

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about _____ souls.

The Jewish leaders had supposed that the work of Christ would end with His death; but, instead of this, they witnessed the marvelous scenes of the Day of Pentecost. They heard the disciples, endowed with a power and energy hitherto unknown, preaching Christ, their words confirmed by signs and wonders. In Jerusalem, the stronghold of Judaism, thousands openly declared their faith in Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah.

22) What was the result of the Holy Spirit resting upon God's Church?

Acts 2:46-47 And they, continuing daily with _____ in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord _____ to the _____ daily such as should be saved.

Under the training of Christ, the disciples had been led to feel their need of the Spirit. Under the Spirit's teaching they received the final qualification and went forth to their lifework. No longer were they ignorant and uncultured. No longer were they a collection of independent units or discordant, conflicting elements. No longer were their hopes set on worldly greatness. They were of "one accord," "of one heart and of one soul."

Can you see the necessity of the Holy Ghost?

Do you want the Spirit's presence in your life?

When is the time let Him lead?