

PENTECOST – 2 MAY 31, 2020

REVIEW:

- A major event comparable to Christmas and Easter.
- Empowered and equipped to continue the work Jesus began.
- This new dynamic moved Peter from coward to courageous.
- The glory produces love and unity, not just power.

CONTINUE – EXODUS 23:16-17

- Pentecost is one of the seven feast days that reveals God's sacred plan of redemption. It's also one of the three pilgrim feasts that mandated all Jewish men to travel to Jerusalem for the celebration.
- These feasts, Paul says, are shadows, types, pictures or symbols that point to future events: The serpent on the pole was a type of Christ on the cross (antitype). **COLOSSIANS 2:16-17 (NLT)**
- **ROMANS 15:4 (NIV)** The celebration of Pentecost was one of the things written in the past that teaches us something, but what?

LEVITICUS 23:15-17 (NLT)

- The two loaves represent two groups – Jews and Gentiles. Yeast, or leaven, represents sin. Two sinful groups worshipping God together, just as it was in the temple.
- In Jerusalem, God fearing Gentiles were allowed to worship in the court of the Gentiles. But there was a sign above the entrance warning Gentiles not to enter the inner court.
- There was a literal wall and a wall of prejudice, segregation and hostility that separated the Gentiles from the Jews.
- **EPHESIANS 2:11-15 (NLT)** Jesus broke down the wall of hostility and made peace between Jew and Gentile. He ended the system of the law and created from the two groups one new man.

ACTS 2:1-4, 10:44-48

- Pentecost represents the birth of the church which is comprised of Jews and Gentiles. It's a new entity, not the old Judaism reformed. **ACTS 11:12-18 (NLT)**
- **EXODUS 23:18** Christ was offered without leaven (sin). Those who come to Him (Jew or Gentile) are made new creations and are free from sin.
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, 21
- **ACTS 1:8** Our main purpose is to be a witness for Christ. A witness is one who testifies to the truth.
1 JOHN 1:1-3

IT'S HARVEST TIME

MATTHEW 9:35 - 10:1

- Pentecost celebrates the feast of harvest, or ingathering of fruit that's ready to be harvested. We are living at harvest time. The time between Pentecost and the feast of trumpets. Our High Priest is getting ready to sound the trumpet, rapture the church and go back to dealing with the Jews.
- **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21** Our main purpose in life is to be an ambassador for Christ and reconcile others to God.
- **1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17, 6:19-20** On Pentecost, God moved in and took over our lives. We belong to Him and we represent Him.

WHY BE A WITNESS?

1. From God's side – it's commanded. **MARK 16:15**
2. From the believer's side – it's our purpose. **JOHN 15:16**
3. From the unbeliever's side – it's needed. **ROMANS 1:14-17**
4. From Satan's side – it's his loss. **ACTS 26:18**

CONCLUSION:

On the day of Pentecost the fire of God fell, lives were Transformed, God's glory moved into human temples, the church was born, and Jews and Gentiles are one new man in Christ.