

MEMORIAL DAY/PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026

INTRO:

God is big on memorials: Passover; Joshua's 12 Stones; Lot's Wife; Alabaster Box; Lord's Supper.

Memorial Day JOHN 15:13

We remember the cost of freedom. There is no greater love than to sacrifice one's life for another. We can't honor those who gave their all; but by honoring their memory, we make their sacrifice meaningful. To some Memorial Day means no school, no work, and a family picnic. To others, it means a visit to the cemetery, where they remember how their brave loved one gave his all for the freedoms we all enjoy. Family picnics are great but may we never forget that for surviving loved ones, it's a day of traumatic loss.

Pentecost Sunday – Shavuot

Pentecost celebrates the fourth spring feast that required all Israelite men to pilgrimage to Jerusalem to present themselves at the temple. Originally, it was to celebrate the grain harvest. Over time, the focus shifted to the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai. What happened on Pentecost 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ, was most memorable.

Pentecost Fulfilled ACTS 2:1-4

While the religious celebration of Pentecost was taking place in the temple, the real meaning of Pentecost took place in a back street upper room where hungry hearts were waiting in obedience to God for the promise of the Father.

Tongues of Fire ACTS 2:6-11

There are three manifestations of Tongues: Sign, ministry and devotional. One doesn't have to speak in Tongues to go to Heaven.

1. Sign - **1 COR. 14:22** They spoke in the languages of the people.
2. Ministry - **1 COR. 12:28-31** Interpretation required - **1 COR. 14:5.**
3. Devotional - **1 COR. 14:2 AMPC, 14:14-15 AMPC**

The Gentile Pentecost ACTS 10:44-48 NLT

Theologians say this was the turning point that opened the Christian faith to all nations. **ACTS 11:1-18 NLT** The importance of the Jews hearing the Gentiles speaking in other tongues is huge! They couldn't see the New Birth take place within, but they could relate to the manifestation of tongues as it happened to them on the day of Pentecost. This explains the simultaneous occurrence of being saved and Spirit Filled. Both Pentecost's (Jewish and Gentile) were sovereign acts of God.

CONCLUSION: ACTS 19:1-2 NLT Paul knew the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues after becoming a follower of Christ. Twenty years after Pentecost, he asked a question that we all must answer for ourselves today – “Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?” On this Memorial Day, Pentecost Sunday, we remember those who gave their lives for our freedoms, and we remember it took the death of our Lord to open Heaven’s doors allowing the Holy Spirit to come and save us and fill us with power from on High.