



The First Pentecost—Part One

Dispensation, Expectation, Impartation Acts 2:1-4

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Objective and Aim: *Everyone can embrace the power of Pentecost by studying the key elements initiated on Pentecost in Acts 2.*

Introduction: *New Testament believers were filled with the Holy Spirit three times; you and I should embrace their experience in our lives. Christ's Promise: Lu. 3:15-18*

Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." **Acts 1:4-5, 8** And Jesus being assembled together with *them*, commanded His followers not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me^[a] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **1) John 20:19-22** Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled,^[a] for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained. The Holy Spirit took up residence in them and they were born again (**John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 18:3; 2 Cor. 5:17**)

2) **Acts 2:1-4** *Pastor Dan:* On the Day of Pentecost the disciples, along with over a hundred other believers, were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. They were empowered for service (**Acts 1:8**) through this encounter with God. 3) **Acts 4:27-31** For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. *Pastor Dan:* The disciples—this same group of people are filled with the Holy Spirit again thus teaching us that there is a need for us to continually be filled with the Holy Spirit.

#1. Dispensation (**Acts 2:1** *When the Day of Pentecost had come they were all in one accord and suddenly there came a sound from heaven and it filled the house where they were sitting.*) *New World Dictionary; Dispensation:* The ordering of events under divine authority

A. Pastor Dan: *A new day had dawned in the history of the world—the church was birthed when the Holy Spirit was poured out on 120 followers of Christ fifty days after his crucifixion on the Day of Pentecost. The world was destined for change after the Holy Spirit came to earth in fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy to guide and empower end time followers of Christ.*

1. End of the End (**Joel 2:28-30** *And it shall come to pass afterward (in the last days) that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days)*

a. Pastor Dan: The outpouring of Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost marked the day of new move of God on the earth that was accompanied by a new sign and many wonders.

b. John 16:7; 7:37-39 The Last Days Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

c. Pastor Dan: The coming of Christ to the earth was the beginning of the end of life as we know it on earth today, and now we are living at the end of the waiting for the soon return of Jesus.

d. Last Days **Hebrews 1:1; 9:26; 1 Peter 1:20; 4:7; 1 John 2:18**

e. Oswald Chambers: The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the infallible sign that Jesus has ascended to the right hand of God and has received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit (**Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-4**)

f. Pastor Dan: The followers of Christ rallied around a single purpose in anticipation of seeing the promises which the Lord made to them fulfilled in their lives.

g. Jn. 16:7-15 I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of

judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

2. **The order of last day events** (*Joel 2:28-32 It shall come to pass in the last days*)
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| a. | Acts 2:1-14 | The outpouring of the Holy Spirit |
| b. | Joel 3:1 | The Regathering of Israel |
| c. | 1 Thessalonians 4:12-5:1 | The Rapture of the Church |
| d. | Matthew 24:7-31 | The Great Tribulation Period |
| e. | Revelation 19:11 | Christ returns to Armageddon to judge the earth |
| f. | Revelation 20:1-6 | Millennial Reign of Christ when Satan Bound in Pit |
| g. | Revelation 20:7-10 | The final fall |
| h. | Revelation 20:10-15 | Satan in Lake of Fire and White Throne Judgment |
| i. | Revelation 21-22 | The New Heavens and New Earth |

#2. **Expectation** (*Acts 1:4-5, 8, And Jesus being assembled together with them, commanded His followers not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. These all [120] continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, with His brothers.”*)

A. **Brian Tracy: Whatever we expect with confidence becomes our own self fulfilling prophecy.**

1. **Promises create expectation** (*Luke 3:15-16 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to unloose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire)*

- a. **Sophocles:** Look and you will find it. What is unsought will go undetected.
- b. **John 7:37-38** *On the last day, that great day of the feast (Tabernacles) Jesus stood and cried out saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink* **Spirit Filled Life Bible:** Each day during the Feast of Tabernacles a joyous celebration was observed in which the priests brought water (symbolic of the water supplied from the rock in **Exodus 17**) to the temple from the pool of Siloam in a golden pitcher. During the procession the people recited **Isaiah 12:3** Therefore with joy you shall draw water from the wells of salvation. The water was poured out on the altar as an offering to God, while the people shouted and sang. Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the ceremony typified (**1 Corinthians 10:4**).

- d. [John 14:14-18, 26; 15:26](#)
- e. *Author Unknown:* We usually get what we anticipate.

Closing and Invitation; Smith Wigglesworth; Apostle of Faith: 1859-1947: One day my wife and I heard that people were being baptized in the Spirit and were speaking in other tongues; and that the gifts of the Spirit were being manifested. I confess that I was much moved by this news, I wrote to Sunderland to two people who had been saved in our work in Bradford and who gone to live in that town. The report had come to them that what was happening was a very dangerous error and that speaking in other tongues was from an evil power. It was Sunday night when I went to the meeting, which was held in the vestry of the parish church at Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. For four days I wanted nothing but God. But after that I felt I could leave for my home, and I went to the Episcopal priest to say good bye. I said to Mrs. Boddy, the vicar's wife, "I am going away, but I have not received the tongues yet." She answered, "It is not tongues you need, but the Baptism of the Holy Spirit." "I have received the Baptism, Sister," I protested, "but I would like to have you lay hands on me before I leave." She laid her hands on me and then had to go out of the room. The fire fell. It was a wonderful time as I was there with God alone. He bathed me in power. I was conscious of the cleansing of the precious Blood, and I cried out: "Clean! Clean! Clean!" I was filled with the joy of the consciousness of the cleansing. I was given a vision in which I saw the Lord Jesus Christ. I beheld the empty cross, and I saw Him exalted at the right hand of God the Father. I could speak no longer in English but I began to praise Him in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave me utterance. I knew then, although I might have received anointings previously, that now, at last, I had received the real Baptism in the Holy Spirit as they received on the Day of Pentecost. (Read [Acts 2:1-4](#))