



The First Pentecost—Part Two

Acts 2:4

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Objective and Aim: *Everyone can embrace the power of Pentecost by studying the key elements outlined 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. Impartation (**Acts 2:4** *They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.*)

A. Oswald Chambers: *The Holy Spirit cannot be accepted as a guest in merely one room of the house. He invades all of it. And once I decide that my old man, that is, my heredity of sin, should be identified with the death of Jesus, the Holy Spirit invades me. He takes charge of everything. My part is to walk in the light and to obey all that He reveals to me. Once I have made that important decision about sin, it is easy to reckon that I am actually dead indeed to sin, because I find the life of Jesus in me all the time.*

1. The New Temple (**1 Cor 6:19-20** *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's*)

a. Maria Woodworth Etter often referred to as the Mother of Modern Pentecost:

The ancient temple in all its glory represents each one of our bodies. If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, as we ought to be, the body will be flooded with rivers of water flowing out to others; and it will be on fire for God.:

b. John 14:15-18 If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you

c. Andrew Murray: The indwelling the fullness of the Spirit is the health of the entire body of Christ. Even if you are the most insignificant member of it, the blessing is for you. In this respect the Father makes no exceptions.

d. E. Stanley Jones: If you ask for the gift of the Spirit Himself, then it is obvious that this cannot be unless you offer yourself. You can ask for His gifts and in return give your gifts, but you cannot ask for the Gift of Himself and not involve

the gift of yourself. There is no love between persons unless there is mutual self-surrender.

- f. **2 Cor. 6:14-7:1** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” ¹⁸“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- g. *John G. Lake:* The Baptism of the Holy Spirit was the incoming of God in personality, in order that an individual, through this force, might be moved by God. God lives in him or her, God speaks through them, God is the impulse of their soul, God has His dwelling place in them. You may have God. That is the wonder of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is not a work of grace, it is God possessing you. Your heart may have been as sinful as the heart of man ever was sinful. But Christ comes to your soul. That spirit of darkness that possessed you goes, and in its stead, a new Spirit comes in, the Spirit of Christ. You have become a new creature, saved and God-filled.
- h. ***Five Questions relating to the First Pentecost***
 Who needed and who received these experiences?
 Were these experiences the same thing as salvation?
 What did they do in order to have these experiences?
 How did they know when they had received these experiences?
 What were the ongoing results of these experiences?

#2. ***Articulation*** (***Acts 2:4*** *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*)

A. ***Hudson Taylor: We are a supernatural people, born again by a supernatural birth, kept by a supernatural power, sustained on supernatural food, taught by a supernatural Teacher from a supernatural Book (and empowered with the supernatural gifts of the Spirit in bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel of Christ).***

1. **Signs shall follow** (***Mk.16:17-20*** *And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover*)

- a. *Pastor Dan:* Tongues is a supernatural ministry of prayer that enables us to communicate with God on His level of understanding in Spirit and Truth. Tongues is the language of the heart enabling us, with the Holy Spirit’s assistance to express our innermost feelings, passions and desires to God (***1 Cor. 14:13-15***).

- b. **1 Cor. 14:2** For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands *him*; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.
- c. **Ephesians 5:18-19** Don't be drunk with wine because that that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.
- d. **Andrew Murray:** On the day of Pentecost, speaking "with other tongues" ... was the result of being filled with the Spirit. Twenty years after the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 16:1-7**), in the city of Ephesus the very same miracle is still being witnessed—teaching that people speak in tongues and prophesy when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit. We may depend on it that where the reception of the Holy Spirit and the possibility of being filled with Him are proclaimed and appropriated, the blessed life of the Pentecostal community will be restored in all its fresh power.
- e. **1 Cor. 14:4, 14-15, 39:40** A person who speaks in a tongue edifies him or herself, but those who prophesy edifies the church ... For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. ¹⁵ Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand ... ³⁹ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But be sure that everything is done properly and in order
- f. **Jude 20** But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit (NLT) But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit

Closing and Invitation; Watchman Nee: Suppose I went into a book-shop, selected a two volume book, and having put down the price, walked out of the shop carelessly leaving one volume on the counter. When I discovered the oversight, what should I do? I should go straight back to recover the forgotten volume, but I should not dream of paying anything for it. I should simply remind the shopkeeper that both volumes were paid for, thank him again for the second one, and without further ado march happily out of the shop with my possession under my arm. Would you not do the same under these circumstances? But you are under the same circumstances. If you have fulfilled the conditions you are entitled to two gifts, not just one. You have already taken the remission of your sins. Why not just come, and if you have never done so, thank Him for the gift of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit now?