**THRIVE-SPIRIT INFUSED POWER FOR EVERYDAY LIFE**

**Wind & Fire**

**October 13, 2019**

*Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:5-13, Ephesians 2:19-22.*

Pentecostal has both a cultural \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and a biblical one.

**Cultural**

In the early days and to a much lesser degree today, the term Pentecostal describes a person from a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There were many rigid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ … that were quite legalistic.

**Biblical**

The biblical deﬁnition of Pentecostal means “someone who understands and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the historic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Feast of Pentecost as described in Acts 2.

**The Day Of Pentecost**

The attitude of those gathered was “they were all together, with one accord,” meaning they were in unity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and mind.

After hearing something they’d never heard and seeing something they’d never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, these people suddenly found themselves with the power to do something they’d never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ …speak with other tongues.

**The History Of Pentecost**

The Feast of Pentecost was always celebrated on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day after the Passover festival.

The number seven appears multiple times throughout Scripture, and it symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, full maturity, or perfection.

God ultimately used the divinely ordained Pentecost festival to usher in the person who would make it possible for every believer to become \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What Happened Pentecost?**

Two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seem to be at work here. First, 120 people suddenly begin speaking in various heavenly languages they’d never before known. Second, thousands of people hear these individuals speaking in their own native languages.

They came from different cultures, backgrounds, nations, and languages—all of which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and isolated them from one another. Yet suddenly, they came together and shared the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ —the same wonderful message—as one.

**What Pentecost Means To Us**

For the ﬁrst time since the fall of man in the garden, the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Holy Spirit empowered people to walk righteously on this earth.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live in a way \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with our righteous position in Christ.

When a person receives a full release of the Holy Spirit’s power, they receive the empowerment to walk in love. In other words, you can’t walk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The Holy Spirit Changes Everything**

The transformation brought by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Connect Group Questions**

**Getting to know each other:** I’m all thumbs when it comes to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Prior to working on the questions in preparation for your group spend some time reading and meditating on these verses - *Acts 2:1-4, Acts 2:5-13, Ephesians 2:19-22.*

1. In light of the sermon’s description of Jerusalem during the celebration of Passover and Pentecost, in what ways were the timing and manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s entrance strategic to the spread of Christianity?
2. This point was mentioned in the sermon, *On Pentecost Sunday, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit changed everything*.
3. What were some of the most surprising changes that took place?
4. Why were these changes significant—then and now?
5. Read Romans 8:1-4.
6. What does walking/living *according to the Spirit* look like to you?
7. What difference does (or should) His presence make in the daily life of the believer? Explain your answer.
8. After being filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter preached to the crowds. Read Acts 2:38-39.
9. What is the gift Peter tells the people they will receive if they believe in Jesus Christ? Have you received it? If so, share your experience.
10. To whom and for how long is this promise valid?
11. Read Acts 8:12-16. What does this passage tell us about the need for every believer to receive baptism in the Holy Spirit?