

Weekly Word May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

Marion Victory

Acts 2:1-21

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 104: 24-34,35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-22

What is Pentecost Sunday about?

In Acts we find a group of devout men. The scripture tells us they were from every nation under heaven. The day of Pentecost was already a celebration for the Jews. This specific day *did not* get its name from the baptism of the Holy Spirit as many believers may think; it was already an established celebration of the Jewish people.

Pentecost is a Greek term that means fiftieth and the Feast of Pentecost took place fifty days after Passover. The LORD instituted this celebration when He renewed His covenant with the people as He spoke to Moses in Exodus 34:22-23. Shavuot; The Feast of Weeks.

It just so happens that God in his wonderful wisdom used this feast to make His Holy Spirit known in a fresh and new way; not only to the disciples and the apostles but to those who were celebrating this designated feast gathered in Jerusalem on that very day.

One hundred and twenty including the apostles, gathered; waiting, praying, perhaps singing hymns. Jesus didn't tell them when it would happen, but He told them to not leave Jerusalem until it did.

Luke 24:49 "Behold I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

In Acts 1:4,5 He tells them to wait for the Promise. John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. So, they gathered daily in that upper room and waited, praying. Ten days later came this moment.

The timing of GOD was perfect then and still is... perfect and purposeful. Three thousand were added to the church that day!

In Numbers, the LORD takes of the Spirit that was upon Moses and places Him upon the seventy elders; when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, although they never did so again.

Here we see the Holy Spirit resting upon the seventy elders and the result is they begin to prophesy. Two men who had remained in the camp, who are not in the tabernacle, but they were listed, (part of), begin to prophesy in the camp. Joshua says, "Moses, my lord, forbid them!" Moses says to him, "**Oh, that all the LORD'S people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!**"

Psalm 104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth. **The Holy Spirit creates and renews.**

1Corinthians 12:3-11 Paul says that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different gifts given by the same spirit different ministries given by the same Lord and there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.

Paul goes on to list the different gifts; word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, working a miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues, but one in the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as God wills.

Verse 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, we've all (Believers), been made to drink into one Spirit.

In the gospel account, Jesus had already breathed on the disciples, and the Holy Spirit was dwelling within them. What was this baptism for? They had the Holy Spirit already according to the gospel reading.

In that Upper Room, they were receiving Him in His fullness, the One who would remain in the earth until the return of Christ. The One who distributes the gifts as needed. The part of the Godhead who creates, teaches, and reveals what the Father has done and is doing. Very God, Himself in the Spirit, drawing mankind to salvation and empowering His people to do the works of the Father.

