



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Acts 2:1-21*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost descended from Heaven to establish a presence upon the Earth through His Church. It is with great power that was likened to a “sound” of a mighty rushing wind, which rested upon the 120 believers. A burning energy rooted in His Spirit was symbolled as tongues of fire! The “another Comforter” arrived to comfort the bereaved disciples just as Jesus said. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God in you (*Mark 1:14; John 2:21, 38; 3:19; 14:8; Acts 1:8; Colossians 1:27; I Timothy 3:16*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever (John 14:16).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Believers are baptized into one Body through one Spirit. Salvation could only come to light through Jesus’s death, resurrection, and ascension. Pentecost proves that the Church is Pentecostal, believers are indwelt perpetually, are sealed eternally, and privileged to be filled continuously (*Matthew 3:16; Luke 24:49-51; John 16:13-15; I Corinthians 12:13*).
2. Jesus comforted His disciples by saying He would not be leaving them alone or abandoning them. The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (*John 14:17-18; Ephesians 6:17; I John 5:8*).
3. Jesus gives inner strength and fortitude to believers to live and be witnesses for Him. His Holy Ghost motivates, inspires, and empowers believers to walk in the Spirit (*Acts 2:36-42; Romans 1:16; Galatians 5:16*).
4. Serving God will involve blessings, victories, indecision, hard

ships, physical suffering, tests and trials, and persecution. Pentecost keeps Jesus alive in us (*Matthew 28:18-19; Acts 4:8-10, 23-31; 5:27-32*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The water baptism by John the Baptist symbolized the need to be cleansed from sin and to believe on Him that would follow. The Gospel of Jesus Christ, penciled by Mark, encourages believers to immediately follow forthwith the path set forth by Jesus. After straightway rising out of the water, Jesus looking upward, the heavens opened and the Holy Ghost taking “bodily shape,” descended like a dove lighting on Him (*Matthew 3:13-16; Luke 3:21-22*). Immediately a voice out of heaven proclaimed, “. . . Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (*Mark 1:11*). The disciples of John the Baptist were later re-baptized in the name of Jesus after the eventful Day of Pentecost (*Acts 19:1-6*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Jesus’ parting words to His followers were to 1) wait for the promised Holy Spirit (*Luke 24:49*), and 2) after receiving the Holy Ghost, they were commanded to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the entire world (*Acts 1:8*). A new dynamic and extraordinary event would take place in Jerusalem: The Feast of Pentecost, which was held fifty (50) days after Passover (*Leviticus 23:15-16*). Jerusalem was a melting pot of nationalities, and its streets were heavily populated. The Holy Ghost revealed the wonderful works of God in a manner that the populous of Jerusalem could understand. Peter deposed the allegation that the 120 were intoxicated and reveling. Instead, this was a fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy where God in the last days will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh (*Joel 2:28-32*). Moved by the experience people were convinced and compelled to accept the Truth. They asked, “What shall we do?” Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus (*Acts 2:38-41*). The State of Hawaii becoming the 50th State in 1959 will be revered by saints who are “full of the Holy Ghost” as the Pentecostal State.

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