"THE DAY OF PENTECOST" ACTS 2:1-13

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Today is referred to as <u>Pentecost Sunday</u> in Christianity. It is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feasts of Weeks (Lev 23:15; Deut 16:9), as described in Acts 2.
- **B.** The Day of Pentecost gave birth to the <u>**Church**</u> which means "called out" from the world for God. Church refers to all who have been born again (John 3:3) through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus (Rom 10:9-10).
- C. Believers receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of Salvation (1 Cor 12:13; Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14). The Holy Spirit becomes our permanent possession the moment we Believe/Accept Christ as our Savior.

I. <u>Who is the Holy Spirit?</u>

- A. The Holy Spirit is a Person (John 6:63; 14:26; Rom 8:11, 16, 16; 1 John 5:6)
- **B.** The Holy Spirit is Called God (Acts 5:1-4)
- C. The Holy Spirit Enabled the Writing of the Bible
- **D.** Names of the Holy Spirit

II. What are the Characteristics of the Holy Spirit?

- A. He is <u>Eternal</u> "The Eternal Spirit" (Heb 9:14)
- **B.** He is <u>Self-Existent</u> (Rom 8:2)
- C. He is **Omnipresent** (Ps 139:7-10)
- **D.** He is **Omniscient** (1 Cor 2:10-11; John 14:26; 16:13)
- III. What Does the Holy Spirit Do? (John 16:8-11)
 - A. He Convicts us of Sin (Unbelief) John 16:8-9.
 - **B.** He Shows us (Believers) the Standard of God's Righteousness (John 16:10).
 - C. He Demonstrates Christ's Judgment over Satan (John 16:11)

CONCLUSION:

- A. <u>Calvary Must Precede Pentecost</u> Dr. Stephen Olford.
- B. BETHLEHEM "God with us"; CALVARY "God for us"; PENTECOST "God in us" D.L. Moody
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8).