

PENTECOST: SPIRIT FILLED CHRISTIANS
Ephesians 5:15-20

INTRODUCTION:

A. Today is referred to as Pentecost Sunday 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.

Based on our subject, we will study four meaningful questions related to the Holy Spirit:

I. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- A. The Holy Spirit is a Person** (Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; Col 2:9)
- B. The Holy Spirit Thinks and Knows** (1 Cor 2:10)
- C. The Holy Spirit Can be Grieved** (Eph 4:30)
- D. The Holy Spirit Intercedes for Us** (Rom 8:26-27)
- E. The Holy Spirit is our Creator** (Gen 1:1-2)
- F. The Holy Spirit makes decisions according to His will** (1 Cor 12:7-11)

II. WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO?

- A. “He is the Spirit of Holiness”** (Rom 1:4; 1 Pet 1:16)
- B. “He is the Spirit of Grace”** (Heb 10:29; Eph 2:8-9)
- C. “He is the Spirit of Truth”** (John 16:13)
- D. He Convicts us of Sin (Unbelief) –** (John 16:8-9; 1 John 1:9).
- E. He Shows us (Believers) the Standard of God’s Righteousness** (John 16:10)
- F. He Demonstrates Christ’s Judgment over Satan** (John 16:11)

III. HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Believers receive the Holy Spirit at the moment of Salvation (1 Cor 12:13; Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14).

IV. HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE US AND CHANGE US

- A. Being Spirit Filled is a continual process of growth and maturity** (Col 3:16).
- B. By yielding/obeying the Word of God, we are yielding to the continual filling of the Holy Spirit** (Prov 4:18; Eph 5:18; Ps 119:105; Prov 8:32-36, 12:5).
- C. When we are Spirit Filled with the Holy Spirit, we will do as Ephesians 5:19-20 says.**

CONCLUSION:

A. Calvary Must Precede Pentecost

“There can never be a Pentecost in your life until there’s been a Calvary in your life.

Pentecost can only be a reality when Calvary is a finality; when I know what it is daily, and I mean daily, by the power of the indwelling Spirit to reckon myself indeed dead unto sin but alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” – 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).