

# Good News for Everyone!

Sunday, June 9 at 9 AM † Monday, June 10 at 7 PM

The Day of Pentecost – 2019

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ: *Today is the Day of Pentecost!* We will ♣recall what happened in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the believers and ♣remember the Spirit’s important work in our lives today!

- The Believers were Filled with the Holy Spirit:** <sup>1</sup> **When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place** [*the apostles, other believing men, and believing women*]. <sup>2</sup> **And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind** [*not a wind, but a sound like a wind, which was used to alert the believers and draw others to come, hear, and benefit*], **and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.** <sup>3</sup> **And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them** [*fulfilling Mt. 3:11; Lk. 3:16*]. <sup>4</sup> **And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.** // First, Pentecost was *one of three OT feasts* in which God required all Jewish males, *12 years and older*, to gather in Jerusalem. Second, the apostles – *being gathered with other believers in Jerusalem* – were waiting to be “**clothed with power from on high**” (Luke 24:49 ESV). **Then it happened...** ♣a loud noise from heaven... ♣tongues of fire on each believer... ♣and they all began to speak in known languages that they had never learned *as the Spirit enabled them!* **Lenski noted: “The gift of tongues... served its purpose in attesting the presence of the Spirit at**

a time when such [confirmation] was needed” (63). Now, today, *the Spirit is working through Word and Sacrament!*

2. **The Reactions of the Crowd:** <sup>5</sup> **Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.** // Those were Jewish men who had lived in other places, *where other languages were spoken*, but now they lived in Jerusalem.
- a. **Confused:** <sup>6</sup> **And at this sound** [*which got the attention of many*] **the multitude** [*the devout men from every nation*] **came together, and they were bewildered** [*confused*], **because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.** // They heard in their own *native* languages – the languages spoken in the places where they were from – *because the Spirit enabled all of those believers to speak in those languages!*
- b. **Amazed and Astonished:** <sup>7</sup> **And they were amazed and astonished** [*marveled, wondered*], **saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”** <sup>8</sup> **And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language** [*the language spoken in the place where each of us was born*]? <sup>9</sup> **Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,** <sup>10</sup> **Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,** <sup>11</sup> **both Jews and proselytes** [*non-Jews who converted to Judaism*], **Cretans and Arabians-- we hear them telling in our own** [native] **tongues the mighty works of God.”** // They gathered because of the sound; then they were amazed by what they heard – *Galileans speaking in each of their own native languages!* Also, the people groups mentioned were not random; instead, they

“describe a great circle about the Holy Land, starting on the east and swinging around westward to the north and ending in the south” (Lenski, 66).

- c. Amazed and Perplexed: <sup>12</sup> **And all were amazed and perplexed** [*at a loss to understand what they were hearing*], **saying to one another, “What does this mean?”** // For most, *God had gotten their interest!* They didn’t yet understand, *but they were open to hearing more!*
- d. Mocking: <sup>13</sup> **But others mocking said, “They are filled with** [sweet] **new wine.”** // Ever tried to learn a foreign language? Is it possible to skip the work, get drunk on wine, and be successful? *No way!*
3. **Peter’s Explanation**: <sup>14</sup> **But Peter, standing with the eleven** [*in a place where he could be heard by a large crowd*], **lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.** <sup>15</sup> **For these people** [*men and women believers*] **are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day** [*between 8 and 9 in the morning*]. <sup>16</sup> **But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:** // Peter basically said: These words I am about to speak came **from God the Father to the Holy Spirit to Joel to the written Scriptures, so pay attention!**
- a. The pouring out and the results: Peter quoted and explained the Joel prophecy; this first part describes the time from the Day of Pentecost to the return of Jesus: <sup>17</sup> **“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy** [*proclaim what God wants to make known*], **and your young men shall see visions** [*supernatural appearances*], **and your old**

**men shall dream dreams** [supernatural impressions];

<sup>18</sup> **even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.** // The *primary* meaning of “prophesy” is simply to speak the saving and blessed will of God to all people! The Spirit moved the believers to do so on the Day of Pentecost *and wants to move us in the same way today – with every opportunity He gives to us!*

- b. The return of Jesus and the end of the world: This second part of the Joel prophecy *describes what will happen as Jesus is returning for the final judgment:* <sup>19</sup> **And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;** <sup>20</sup> **the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent** [splendid, glorious, remarkable, wonderful] **day.** // For more information, see how Jesus described His return in [Luke 21:25-28](#).

4. **Good News for Everyone:** <sup>21</sup> **And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** // To call on the name of the Lord for salvation means to do so “in repentance and faith,” and “in our spiritual need” (Lenski, 76, 79).

**This Week’s Challenge:** *Let us help others know their need and call upon the Lord!*

**Let Us Pray:** Dear Lord, keep us and many others seeing our need, sorry for our sins, and trusting in You for eternal life!

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