

## The Pentecostal Experience!

*KJV Acts 2:1* And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

*2* And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

*3* And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

*4* And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

It has been said The Old Testament concealed is the New Testament revealed.

*ESV Romans 15:4* For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Far too many saints don't bother reading the OT because they consider themselves NT believers—so they ignore the OT its beauty, knowledge and instruction.

**They ignore the Jewish roots, their spiritual heritage and consequently the full blessings of being a child of God!**

God commanded His people in the OT to gather together **Three times a year** for celebration.

The **Three major Feasts** are **Passover, Pentecost and Feast of Tabernacles**.

A **Feast** is a large gathering of people who enjoy a large meal in celebration of a holy day or special event! **It is the exact opposite of a** (corporate fast)!

**The natural always points us to and helps us understand the spiritual things of the Bible.** The apostle Paul says:

*ESV 1 Corinthians 15:46* But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

The first Feast **Passover** is a **representation or revelation** of what will take place in the church age for **Passover** represents **Freedom for sin and bondage**.

- **Passover** was when God delivered His people from 430 years of slavery!

**Egypt represents the world, sin and the god of this world!**

Passover is marked by the killing of a lamb and spreading its blood over the households of those who believed...and they were saved from the death angel.

**Passover** points to the cross of Jesus Christ who was cursed for us, hung on a tree and died for the sins of the world.

❖ **Passover directs our attention to THE LAMB of GOD!**

50 days after **Passover** is **Pentecost** or *Shavout* in Hebrew The Feasts of Weeks!

[This is the time or due season we have arrived at this week!](#)

It was during **The Feast of Weeks** that God gave Moses the **Torah** which is more than The Law of Moses.

**Torah** simply means “instruction” or “*The Loving Instructions of The Father*”!

It was the time God came down and talked with a man **face to face** and filled him with His Word (Spirit).

❖ **Pentecost directs our attention to a personal relationship w/ The Holy Spirit!**

*John 6:63... The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

*KJV Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.*

- [Pentecost is the season God renews and reminds us of our covenant relationship with Him!](#)

*KJV Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.*

- [The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost has always been a time of personal encounters with God!](#)
- [Pentecost is a time when God favors His people with more grace!](#)

*ESV Exodus 33:17 And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."*

- [Pentecost is the time God reminds us He has not forgotten us!](#)
- [It's a time when God comes down and pours Himself out into willing obedient vessels transforming them into glorious vessels.](#)

*ESV Exodus 33:18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory."*

*19 The LORD said, "I will let all my goodness pass in front of you, and there I will call out my name 'the LORD.' I will be kind to anyone I want to. I will be merciful to anyone I want to.*

- **Pentecost** is the appointed time when God is especially good to His people; His goodness manifesting so incredibly that we forget the pain and the shame of our bondage in Egypt!

*GWN Exodus 34:29* Moses came down from Mount Sinai, carrying the two tablets with God's words on them. His face was shining from speaking with the LORD, but he didn't know it.

- God is about to put more of His glory on your life, you're about to shine in areas you have never shined before.

Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> is **Pentecost Sunday** meaning it has been 50 days since the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**50** because Jesus walked the earth **40** days after His resurrection and then ascended; the disciples go into the Upper Room for 10 days waiting on The Promise of The Father.

**50 fifty** is the number of **freedom, deliverance and liberty!**

Just like with Moses on Mt. Sinai there were great manifestations of God's power and glory!

Thunder, lighting, fire, trumpets, earth quakes and such on The Day of Pentecost the was wind and fire!

The third and last **Feast is Tabernacles** or commonly called "The Feast of the Ingathering" it is like it sounds (**the last harvest**) when God gathers the saints out of this world!

- ❖ The **Feast of Tabernacles** directs our attention toward The Father Lord of The Harvest!

Last thought:

In the Jewish tradition during *Shavuot* homes are decorated with flowers to remember the blossoming of trees and shrubs, the book of Ruth is read to describe the grain harvest.

Cheese cakes, honey cakes and other foods are eaten to remember Israel as The Land flowing with milk and honey!

**Milk & Honey** are symbols of blessings, fruitfulness and prosperity!

*ESV Luke 11:9* And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

*10* For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

*11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent;*

*12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?*

*13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

*ESV Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

### **The Pentecostal Experience is receiving God's best!**

After receiving salvation through Jesus Christ, we become eligible for The gift of The Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, anointings and everything God our Father has.

The blessing of His everlasting presence, His love, grace, mercy and provision!

**The Pentecostal Experience** reminds us after God gave His only begotten Son, Christ sends us The Holy Spirit—everything else we need is small compared to Him!