

Pentecost

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Shavuot, also called **Pentecost**, - in full **Hag Shavuot**, (“Festival of the Weeks”),

The Spring Festivals are: -

[Passover; celebrating Israel’s separation from Egypt (the world)
You could see this as Justification; choosing Israel while they were yet living as Egyptians
Celebrated with a lamb, symbolic of God’s provision of a substitutional sacrifice]

[The next day is, the week long, Feast of Unleavened bread; celebrating the wilderness wandering or, Sanctification (setting apart from) of God’s people in the World
Celebrated with bread without yeast (representing sin)]

[Then there is the regular weekly Sabbath, on Saturday]

[The next day is the Feast of Firstfruits; celebrating the coming into the Promised Land;
(You could see this as Glorification-the fulfillment of God’s promise)
Celebrated with an offering from the early crop – barley.
[This is on Sunday (the day the women found that Jesus had risen from the grave)]

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

Deu 16:9 “You shall count seven weeks. Begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. [Feast of Firstfruits – barley harvest]

[The priest went out into the field and cut a couple of handfuls of the barley. They then took it into the temple and waved it over the altar as an offering of thanks to God for an abundant harvest. Then they offered 12 loaves of unleavened bread (1 for each Tribe).]

Deu 16:10 [“You shall count seven weeks”.] Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks [Pentecost] to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God, blesses you.

Lev 23:10 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your [Wheat – Summer crop] harvest to the priest, [2 loaves of bread (with leavening),

Symbolic of the union of Jews and Gentiles within the Church (with corruption)]
[Isn't it interesting that this Pentecost offering to God is also known as firstfruits?]
Lev 23:11 and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted.
On the day after the Sabbath [Sunday-the Christian Sabbath] the priest shall wave it.

Jas 1:18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

2Th 2:13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

[The] second of the three [Pilgrim Festivals](#) of the Jewish religious [calendar](#). It was originally an agricultural [festival](#), marking the beginning of the [wheat](#) harvest.

[It's interesting that the birth of the church was at the wheat festival]

Mat 13:24 He [Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed [the Word] in his field, [men's hearts]

Mat 13:25 but while his men were sleeping, [apathetic believers] his enemy [Satan] came and sowed weeds [discord] among the wheat [believers] and went away.

Mat 13:26 So when the plants [new believers] came up and bore grain, [believed] then the weeds [corruption] appeared also.

Mat 13:27 And the servants [angels] of the master of the house [God] came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?'

Mat 13:28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

Mat 13:29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [Evil has been with us throughout the Church Age]

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time [The Return of the King-Rev 19:11] I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds [earth dwellers] first [Rev 16:16] and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat [believers] into my barn." [heaven] [Abridged Revelation Theory]

[Rev 6:10-the martyrs, Rev 7:9-the Raptured, Rev 15:2-the overcomers]

During the Temple period, the first fruits of the harvest were brought to the Temple, and two loaves of bread [prefiguring the reconciliation of Jew and Gentile-the Church] made from the new wheat were offered. This aspect of the holiday is reflected in the custom of decorating the [synagogue](#) with fruits and flowers and in the names Yom ha-Bikkurim ("Day of the First Fruits") and Hāg ha-Qazir ("Harvest Feast").

During rabbinic times the festival became associated with the giving of the [Law](#) at [Mount Sinai](#), which is recounted in the Torah readings for the holiday. It became customary during Shavuot to study the Torah and to read the book of Ruth.

[There is still contention whether or not it is the anniversary of God giving the Noahide covenant and the Mosaic covenant. If it is the anniversary of the covenants then it is interesting that the New Covenant was made on that day also.]

[It is also interesting that the Book of Ruth can be interpreted as a metaphor for the Church [as Ruth] coming to the Promised Land [Kingdom of God] through a love for Israel [as Naomi]; and Israel [Naomi] coming into her inheritance through the loving relationship of the Church [Ruth] and Christ [as Boaz, the Kinsman Redeemer] [\[Book of Ruth\]](#)

Celebration of Shavuot occurs on the 50th [day](#), or seven weeks, after the sheaf offering of the harvest celebrated during [Passover](#). The holiday is therefore also called [Pentecost](#) from the Greek *pentēkostē* (“50th”). It falls on Sivan 6 (and Sivan 7 outside Israel).

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[There is still contention over when the count starts; at the day after Passover or the day after the regular Sabbath of Passover week;[Sunday] it depends on which calendar you are using. If I understand it right, the Sadducees used a lunar, the Pharisees used a Solar, and the Essenes used Enoch’s calendar, and they are still fighting about it.]

Deu 16:16 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose:

at [the Feast of Unleavened Bread](#). [[Passover=barley harvest =\(Old Testament\)](#)]

Deu 26:2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there.

Deu 26:3 And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’

Deu 26:4 Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

Deu 26:5 “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous.

Deu 26:6 And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us

hard labor.

Deu 26:7 Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

Deu 26:8 And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

Deu 26:9 And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deu 26:10 And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God...

[The first harvest was bringing a nation (Israel) out of the world (Egypt)]

at the Feast of Weeks, [Pentecost-wheat harvest (New Testament)]

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."

Rev 14:16 So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped. [Raptured at the 6th Seal-(no war mentioned)]

[The next harvest will be Rapturing the believing Church out of the world]

[[Rapture](#)]

and at the Feast of Booths. [Tabernacles-grape harvest (Millennial Reign)]

[Isn't it interesting that the end of tribulation in the Book of Revelation is associated with the grape harvest]

Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe."

Rev 14:19 So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Mat 13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

Mat 13:48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

Mat 13:49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous

Mat 13:50 and throw them [the evil ones] into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

[The last harvest will be taking the unbelieving earth-dwellers out of the world]

[Deu 26:10]...They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

[It is important to remember that all Jewish males were required to be in Jerusalem for these Holy days. They were to be fully equipped with their own provisions, for themselves, and to share with others, not to be a burden on the Temple or the city; plus their tithes and sacrifice. It was discontinued for the Jews when the Temple was destroyed in 70a.d.]

In the Lutheran church year, the day of Pentecost is the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter celebration. On the fiftieth day of Easter, our Lutheran worship is filled with festivity, color and movement as we both conclude the Easter celebration and welcome anew the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 1:1 In the first book, O Theophilus, [=beloved of God] I [Luke] have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

Act 1:2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

Act 1:3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

Act 1:4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; "

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Joh 16:8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:[1stSeal-White horse-bow (power)but no arrows(weapons]

Joh 16:9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;[the definition of sin]

Joh 16:10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;[character is revealed when freewill is unrestrained]

Joh 16:11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world [Satan] is judged.

Joh 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

Joh 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare

Joh 16:14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Luk 24:49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high."

Act 1:5 "for John baptized with water, but [in contrast] you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Act 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [The disciples were still looking for a warrior king]

Act 1:7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by

his own authority. [he didn't deny there would be a warrior king, just not right now]

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

[1 Cor 12:7>:11- manifestations of the Spirit]

[Salvation and the Holy Spirit]

Act 1:9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Act 1:10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,

[Moses and Elijah? -the empty tomb, the transfiguration and 2 witnesses in Revelation]

Act 1:11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Act 1:12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

How Far Was A Sabbath Day's Journey?

<https://www.bible-history.com/backd2/sabbath.html>

According to the Mosaic law every Israelite was forbidden to travel on the Sabbath day.

Exodus 16:29 "See, for the Lord hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

But there is also evidence that the Israelites were permitted to go a certain distance on that special day. For example they could visit the tabernacle and temple from any distance within the encampment or city.

Over the centuries the authorities within the rabbinical circles of Judaism found ways, from examining the miniscule details of the law, to increase the distance that an Israelite may travel on the Sabbath day. In ancient times they determined that one may travel on the Sabbath from within the city boundaries and this distance was fixed at 2,000 cubits. They based this on Joshua 3:4-5:

"And they commanded the people, saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about 2,000 cubits by measure; come not near it, thay ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore."

Then after some time the rabbis interpreted "place" to mean city so that it would be acceptable to travel 2,000 cubits outside his city limits on the Sabbath day. Then again later the Pharisees doubled the distance that one might travel by yet another minute detail. They inserted a rule that if one placed food preparations at another location, then that place figuratively became his abode and he may travel to there up to 2,000 cubits and then another 2,000 cubits which made the whole journey 4,000 cubits, or about 6,000 feet or a little over a mile. A cubit was around 18

inches (from forefinger to elbow), although the measurement differed during different periods of Hebrew history.

In New Testament times and soon after, the Pharisees found another legal fiction and stretched the distance for traveling on the Sabbath a little farther. They theorized that if a person was to travel 4,000 cubits on the Sabbath day, then he would also need to return and thus they allowed 8,000 cubits as the standard.

There are some mentions in the New Testament alluding to the Sabbath day's journey such as in:

Matthew 24:20: "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, nor on the Sabbath day"

Acts 1:12: "Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey."

Jesus continually taught that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, and thus the authorities in Judaism were reproved by Jesus for misunderstanding the heart of the law and laying a heavy burden upon the people. He spoke with the authority of heaven when He said "The Son of man (apocalyptic redeemer of Daniel 7) is Lord of the Sabbath.

Act 1:13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

Act 1:14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. [Women couldn't be in the same room as they were sleeping in; this has to be a public place.]

Act 1:15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

Act 1:16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

Act 1:17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

Psa 55:12 For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him.

Psa 55:13 But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

Psa 55:14 We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

Act 1:18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong [on his sword] he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

Act 1:19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

Act 1:20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let

there be no one to dwell in it';[Psa 69:25] and "'Let another take his office.' [Psa 109:8]

Act 1:21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

Act 1:22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

Act 1:23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.

Act 1:24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen

Act 1:25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

Act 1:26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

[Was this God's decision, or Peter's? We never hear about Matthias again.]

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

[There were 120 of them, at the hour of prayer, on a High Holy Day; it has to be at the Temple]

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind,

[Pnoe_{grk}= breath or wind] and it filled the entire house [Temple/House of God] where they were sitting.

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed [Emphusao_{grk}=to puff or blow on] on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." [They knew what was happening]

Act 2:3 And [at the same time] divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Mat 3:11 "I [John] baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jer 23:29 Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Isa 11:2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isa 11:3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," [Jer 31:33]

Heb 10:17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

[Compare this event to the majesty of God revealed on Mt Siani at the giving of the Law]
[Exo19:16>:19]

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

[They were all filled– The gift of Holy Spirit is the same for everybody] [Praying in the Spirit]

Rom 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

Act 2:5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [A fulfillment of prophecy...]

Isa 66:18 “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory,

Act 2:6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [Illiterate fishermen]

Act 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

Act 2:9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

Act 2:11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”



Act 2:12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

Act 2:13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Act 2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, 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.

[Is this the same man who denied Christ in the face of a little servant girl?]

Act 2:15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the

day. [9:00 a.m.]

Act 2:16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: [Joel 2:28>:22]

Act 2:17 “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, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

Act 2:18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. [this part of the prophecy was fulfilled on that day of Pentecost 32a.d.]

Act 2:19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; [this part of Joel’s prophecy is still in the future]

Act 2:20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. [6th Seal –Rev 6:12>:17]

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ [sounds like the Rapture] [Salvation and the Holy Spirit]

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Act 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

Act 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

1Co 2:7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

1Co 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

[Where is Peter getting this wisdom, knowledge, faith, prophecy, tongues, and courage?]

Act 2:24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Act 2:25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

Act 2:26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

Act 2:27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

Rom 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just

as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Act 2:28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' [Psa 16:8>:11]

Act 2:29 "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

2Sa 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

Luk 1:31 And behold, you [Mary] will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [Yashua- Ya=God, shua=Saves]

Luk 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [it didn't exist at that time, nor even now]

Luk 1:33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." [Rev 19:>]

Act 2:31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

Act 2:32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

1Co 15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

1Co 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1Co 15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

1Co 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1Co 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

1Co 15:19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the

dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

Act 2:33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Act 2:34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord [YHWH_{hbw}=God] said to my [David's] Lord, [Adoni_{hbw}=master] "Sit at my right hand,

Act 2:35 until I make your enemies your footstool.'" [Psa 110:1]

Act 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

[Peter, the fisherman, is quoting scripture like a priest, to a packed audience in the Temple]

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Rom 10:9 If you declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:10 For one believes with his heart and is justified, and declares with his mouth [acknowledges/shows] and is saved.

Eph 1:13 You, too, have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed in the Messiah, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until God redeems his own possession for his praise and glory.

2Th 2:13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Rom 10:11 The Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will never be ashamed."

Act 2:39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." [Even the Gentiles- John3:Acts 10:34>:35]

Joh 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Joh 3:15 so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Joh 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his unique Son so that everyone who believes in him might not be lost but have eternal life.

Joh 3:17 Because God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Act 2:40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." [The same message as is declared today]

Act 2:41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. [!]

Isa 66:19 and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors [Paliyt_{hbw} = refugee, fugitive, escaped one] to the nations, to Tarshish, [Spain] Pul, [Cyrene] and Lud, [Libya] who draw the bow, to Tubal [Turkey] and Javan, [Greece] to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations.

Act 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

[Staying true to the Apostles' gospel is a common thread throughout the New Testament and into the [7 letters to the 7 churches](#) of Revelation]

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

[They didn't stay in Jerusalem, but spread throughout the globe, to this very day.]

[In the letter to the Ephesians in Rev:2, he commends the early Church;]

Rev 2:2 "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

[False teaching has already started to creep into the church only 60 years later]

Rev 2:3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

Rev 2:6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

[Nicolaitans = Nico_{grk}/conquer, and, laity_{grk} / the people]

[And he chastises them;]

Rev 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

[Your personal relationship to your Savior is what is most important.]

[The gift of the Holy Spirit, given at Pentecost is what makes it possible.]

[How do we develop our relationship with him?]

[Study all of God's Word; From Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21;]

Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth:

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

[Therefore...]

2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy did not come in times past by the will of man, but the holy men of God spoke being inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

[This is not a typo. Exartizo_{grk}=fully equipped, like a ship, ready for an extended voyage, fore and aft, top to bottom, inside an out. (See Duet 16:10-(page 5 above))]

[Pray; Talk to Him;]

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

[Conduct our lives as "Sons of God";]

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* [the world] by us: we pray [plead with] *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

[Repent, Return, Reconcile, Rejoice and be Raptured!]