**Pentecost Sunday 2025** (sjm 6-8-2025)

**Three major events by the Trinity:**

**First by God the Father:**

**Day 1: God created Light.**

**Day 2: Separated waters into the firmament (sky).**

**Day 3: Separated land and sea, and created vegetation.**

**Day 4: Created the sun, moon, and stars.**

**Day 5: Created sea creatures and birds.**

**Day 6: Created land animals and finally humans.**

**Day 7: God rested from his work and blessed the day, making it holy.**

**Second: Jesus came to save man from sin & death & prepare a place for him in heaven**

**Thirdly: Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in man & to empower him (age of the church)**

 **John 16:7 *If is expedient thqt I go …. For I wlll send the Holy Spirit (Beneficial or you will gain)***

***It all started 50 days after the 1st easter Acts 2:1-4 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

**In the Bible, Pentecost is a major Christian holy day that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles & followers of Jesus Christ, marking the beginning of the church. (50 days > Easter)**

**The book of Acts** describes Pentecost as a **transformative event** where the Holy Spirit empowers the believers, allowing them to speak in other languages & preach the gospel. This event is seen as the birth of the Church, equipping believers to share the good news of Jesus.  **Pentecost** is often associated with the symbols of fire, wind, a dove, and the breath of God, **all representing the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.**

**Pentecost is a significant** event because it marks the **beginning of the church** and the **empowerment of believers** to fulfill their mission. It also highlights the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians, providing **guidance, wisdom, strength, and power.**

**Key is that it is “Transformative” or Life Changing:**

 To be transformative means to have a **profound, lasting, and positive impac**t on someone or something, causing them to change significantly in an important way. This change can be in terms of outlook, character, form, or condition.

**Jesus was our Example:**

**Matt 3:16** And Jesus, when He had been baptized, went up straightway out of the water. And lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon Him.

**Matt 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the **Holy Ghost, and with fire:**

**Luke 24:44-48** Then he said, “When I was with you before, don’t you remember my telling you that ***everything*** written about me by Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms **must all come true**?” **45**Then he opened their minds to understand at last these many Scriptures! **46**And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah must suffer and die and rise again from the dead on the third day; **47**and that this message of salvation should be taken from Jerusalem to all the nations: *There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me.* **48**You have seen these prophecies come true.

**Luke 24:49** And behold, I send the **promise of My Father** upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be **endued with power** from on high.”

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall **receive power,** after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will **shew you things to come**.

**Acts 2:17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will **pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

**John 7:38** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

**38**He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive:

**John 14:26** **But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [**in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

**John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

**John 16:13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

**Acts 1:5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost

**Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

and *why*they were meeting: to celebrate the festival of Shavuot, the Jewish holiday that commemorates the giving of the Torah (the first five books in the Hebrew Bible). Shavuot is one of the three major festivals that Jewish males were required to observe at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, and it was then (and now) held on the fiftieth (Greek: *pentēkostē*) day after the second day of Passover.

In Acts 2, Pentecost signifies the birth and empowerment of the Church through the Holy Spirit. It marks a pivotal moment where the Holy Spirit is poured out on believers, enabling them to speak in diverse languages and begin the task of spreading the gospel. This event fulfills a prophecy in Joel 2:28-29 and empowers the disciples to boldly proclaim the message of Jesus.

**Key Significance of Pentecost in Acts 2:**

**[Birth of the Church:](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=cc2ca69670373081&sxsrf=AE3TifON49jBHCCTcltmVyEfjAHcAU68iw%3A1749152140893&q=Birth+of+the+Church&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjclJDAg9uNAxW2tokEHcuxLigQxccNegQIGRAD&mstk=AUtExfDtfQ_GdJ0MFPdAlaHDrRsL2BI59Sx0eq2DM31WD9wJLXU3QupuTjmIZn63w-8Xlj7DjIVC8Mgiu2k_niwPApQt7UyaNnabUIrmUBBl1sN75TBMSUVZA_y-gQ7cyltPu30YsRwTwO0xdIutcgk99wGfM9lr__Qp7vE_82-BJSzvEF8&csui=3" \t "_blank)** The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is seen as the formal beginning of the church, a community empowered by God to fulfill his mission.

**[Empowerment of Disciples:](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=cc2ca69670373081&sxsrf=AE3TifON49jBHCCTcltmVyEfjAHcAU68iw%3A1749152140893&q=Empowerment+of+Disciples&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjclJDAg9uNAxW2tokEHcuxLigQxccNegQIGhAD&mstk=AUtExfDtfQ_GdJ0MFPdAlaHDrRsL2BI59Sx0eq2DM31WD9wJLXU3QupuTjmIZn63w-8Xlj7DjIVC8Mgiu2k_niwPApQt7UyaNnabUIrmUBBl1sN75TBMSUVZA_y-gQ7cyltPu30YsRwTwO0xdIutcgk99wGfM9lr__Qp7vE_82-BJSzvEF8&csui=3" \t "_blank)** The Holy Spirit equips the apostles and other believers to speak in various languages, demonstrating their ability to communicate the gospel to a diverse audience.

**[Fulfillment of Prophecy:](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=cc2ca69670373081&sxsrf=AE3TifON49jBHCCTcltmVyEfjAHcAU68iw%3A1749152140893&q=Fulfillment+of+Prophecy&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjclJDAg9uNAxW2tokEHcuxLigQxccNegUIjgEQAw&mstk=AUtExfDtfQ_GdJ0MFPdAlaHDrRsL2BI59Sx0eq2DM31WD9wJLXU3QupuTjmIZn63w-8Xlj7DjIVC8Mgiu2k_niwPApQt7UyaNnabUIrmUBBl1sN75TBMSUVZA_y-gQ7cyltPu30YsRwTwO0xdIutcgk99wGfM9lr__Qp7vE_82-BJSzvEF8&csui=3" \t "_blank)**  Pentecost fulfills the prophecy of Joel, indicating that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all people, including Jews and Gentiles.

**[Growth of the Church:](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=cc2ca69670373081&sxsrf=AE3TifON49jBHCCTcltmVyEfjAHcAU68iw%3A1749152140893&q=Growth+of+the+Church&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjclJDAg9uNAxW2tokEHcuxLigQxccNegUIjQEQAw&mstk=AUtExfDtfQ_GdJ0MFPdAlaHDrRsL2BI59Sx0eq2DM31WD9wJLXU3QupuTjmIZn63w-8Xlj7DjIVC8Mgiu2k_niwPApQt7UyaNnabUIrmUBBl1sN75TBMSUVZA_y-gQ7cyltPu30YsRwTwO0xdIutcgk99wGfM9lr__Qp7vE_82-BJSzvEF8&csui=3" \t "_blank)** The event of Pentecost leads to a significant increase in the number of believers, with 3,000 people being baptized on that day.

**[Uniting of Believers:](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=cc2ca69670373081&sxsrf=AE3TifON49jBHCCTcltmVyEfjAHcAU68iw%3A1749152140893&q=Uniting+of+Believers&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjclJDAg9uNAxW2tokEHcuxLigQxccNegUIjwEQAw&mstk=AUtExfDtfQ_GdJ0MFPdAlaHDrRsL2BI59Sx0eq2DM31WD9wJLXU3QupuTjmIZn63w-8Xlj7DjIVC8Mgiu2k_niwPApQt7UyaNnabUIrmUBBl1sN75TBMSUVZA_y-gQ7cyltPu30YsRwTwO0xdIutcgk99wGfM9lr__Qp7vE_82-BJSzvEF8&csui=3" \t "_blank)** The Holy Spirit unifies the diverse group of believers, creating a community that can work together to spread the gospel.

In essence, Pentecost in Acts 2 represents the beginning of the church's mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the gospel and build a unified community of believers.