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## The Pentecost

Spiritual Common Sense (Which is the mind of Christ).

Vs

Natural common sense. Which is the mind of self-will).

>>> What does Pentecost mean? "fiftieth", referring to the 50th day after Passover. (**Lev. 23:15-22**)

>>> It originated as the Children of Israel's harvest festival (Feast of Weeks), celebrating the first fruits of the wheat harvest/celebration. The children of Israel first celebrated Pentecost, known as Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks, after the Exodus from Egypt, commemorating the giving of the Torah to Moses at Mount Sinai, which occurred fifty days after the first Passover. It was originally established as a harvest festival seven weeks (49 days) after the Feast of First Fruits, with the celebration on the 50th day.

>>> In the New Testament, this day is when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' apostles and others in Jerusalem. In Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers in Jerusalem during the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), enabling them to speak in diverse languages. Marked by a sound like a rushing wind and tongues of fire, this event empowered the believers to spread the Gospel, resulting in 3,000 baptisms.

Acts Chapter 2 centers on the **coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost**, marking the birth of the Christian Church and the start of the "church age". Key points include empowerment for witnessing -Peter's sermon, the conversion of thousands, and the devotion of early believers to community, teaching, and sharing.

>>> Where was its place in the Feast of the Word?

1. **Passover (Pesach):** 14th day of the first month at twilight (Lev 23:5).
2. **Unleavened Bread:** 15th–21st day of the first month (Lev 23:6).
3. **first fruits:** Day after the Sabbath during Passover week (Lev 23:10-11).

4. **Weeks (Pentecost/Shavuot):** 50 days after first fruits (Lev 23:15-16).
5. **Trumpets (Yom Teruah):** 1st day of the seventh month (Lev 23:24).
6. **Atonement (Yom Kippur):** 10th day of the seventh month (Lev 23:27).
7. **Tabernacles (Sukkot):** 15th–21st day of the seventh month (Lev 23:34).

>>> What is its purpose?

According to scripture (Acts 2), the primary purpose of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower believers, mark the birth of His Church, and initiate global evangelism of His Written Word. It fulfilled Jesus' promise to send a helper (John 16:7) and marked a transition from the Spirit being *with* disciples to being *in* them.

#### **Key Scriptural Purposes of Pentecost:**

- **Empowerment of Believers:** The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, enabling them to speak in different languages to proclaim the Gospel to a diverse audience.
- **Birth of the Church:** Pentecost is considered the church's birthday, marking the formal beginning of the church age, with 3,000 baptized that day.
- **Fulfillment of Prophecy and Promise:** It marked the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy regarding the pouring out of the Spirit and Jesus' promise that followers would receive power to be witnesses (Acts 1:8, 2:16-17).
- **Beginning of the Harvest Mission:** It symbolized the beginning of the spiritual harvest, enabling the Apostles to take the gospel beyond regional, social, and ethnic barriers.
- **Old Testament Roots:** Originally, it was the Feast of Weeks or first fruits (Shavuot), celebrating the harvest and commemorating the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai.

In short, Pentecost transformed the fearful disciples (us, today's Ambassadors) into bold witnesses, equipping them to establish His Church and spread His Written Word by faith worldwide.

The close-out question for another day, "TODAY."

>>> How does Pentecost apply to the Ambassadors who came after the cross?