



What Happened at Pentecost?

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH AND THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

Pentecost was a divine appointment that launched the New Testament era. It was not merely an experience—it was a redemptive-historical turning point.

1 WHAT PENTECOST WAS



Pentecost was the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4–5). On this day, the Spirit came with power, filling the believers in the upper room. This outpouring empowered them for witness and marked the inauguration of the church.

Acts 2:1–4 | Luke 24:49 | Acts 1:8

2 WHAT CHANGED



The Holy Spirit indwelt believers, giving them power, boldness, spiritual gifts, and a new mission. The gospel went public. The church was visibly launched, and the message of Jesus Christ began to spread from Jerusalem to the world.

Acts 2:5–11, 37–47 | 1 Corinthians 12:7 | Ephesians 3:16

3 WHAT DID NOT BEGIN THERE



The canon of Scripture was not completed. Church government was still developing. Many foundational doctrines were still being revealed. Pentecost was the launch, not the culmination.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 | John 16:12–13 | Acts 15

4 THE SPIRIT'S ROLE



The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ, convicts the world, indwells believers, distributes gifts, and empowers the church for mission. His work continues today in accordance with Scripture.

John 16:7–14 | 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 | Galatians 5:22–23

5 WHY IT MATTERS



Pentecost demonstrates God's faithfulness, the power of the gospel, and the beginning of His plan to build a people for His name. It is the starting point of the church's mission to the nations.

Matthew 28:19–20 | Acts 1:8 | 1 Peter 2:9



THE BOTTOM LINE

Pentecost was not an accident. It was the sovereign plan of God to empower His people and launch the church for His glory.



KEY VERSES

- Acts 2:1–4 The Spirit comes with power.
- Acts 2:17 "I will pour out My Spirit on all people."
- Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized... and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 2:41 "Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number."







KEY TRUTHS

- Pentecost fulfilled Jesus' promise.
- The Spirit empowers, indwells, and equips.
- The church began, but was not fully formed.
- The mission is the same: Jesus to the world.



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