



*Celebrating
The Experience!*

Pentecost
Sunday

The Origin of Pentecost Sunday:

An air of expectation hung over the Judean hills and the streets of Jerusalem as the beautiful Day of Pentecost broke bright and clear over the horizon. Thousands had come from far and near for this day of thanksgiving unto God. This was a high day for all Israel to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The feast, held on the fiftieth day after the beginning of Passover, was a time for Jews to celebrate the first fruits of the harvest by offering them up to God.

A Divine Interruption:

Little did they know that the Christ they had crucified on the Passover Day would interrupt their celebration as He did. *“And When the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”* (Acts 2:1-4).

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit began the experience of the early church, an experience that survived and thrived

as they spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to their world. It all began on the Day of Pentecost, and it reaches our generation with the same life-changing experience and power.

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit, one of the greatest events in history.

What the Holy Spirit Does:

The Holy Spirit brings new life to us: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* (II Corinthians 5:17).

Because, of the personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the changed life that comes from receiving the Holy Spirit, other rich benefits come to the recipient.

Some of These Benefits Are:

FULFILLMENT for you and your family.

PEACE from your past guilt and through the troubles of life. *“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost”* (Romans 14:17).

CONFIDENCE to face any problem large or small. “I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me” (Philippians 4:13).

HOPE for your future. The old song says, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”
“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13).

Millions have found all of these benefits and much more. Jesus said, “Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

Make plans now to attend a United Pentecostal Church as we celebrate and relive the joys of Pentecost Sunday together. _____

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