

## Summary and bible study 8 June 2025

### Theme: Pentecost

Bible: Acts 2:1-21

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### Summary

Pentecost is known as one of the great festivals of the Church. In modern culture it isn't popular like Christmas or Easter, but for Christians it's very important. It celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and they were transformed. We will also explore the work of the Holy Spirit and his influence on the people of God throughout the bible.

The disciples of Christ were touched by the Holy Spirit, which is like wind'. The Holy Spirit is also like fire. Fire refers to the presence of God. In the bible, Moses met God at the burning bush (Exodus 3). After God took the people of Israel out of Egypt, he cared for them day in the pillar of clouds and night in the pillar of fire in the wilderness (Exodus 13:21). Fire also includes the acts of destroying something. Our God destroys our sins through fire. Finally, fire refers to God's judgment.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, those first disciples started something special. Yet, sometimes it is difficult to understand the tremendous power of the Holy Spirit.

**In Acts 2:4 it says, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."**

Because of Pentecost our God has given new life to his believers. Weak and powerless disciples of Christ grew to become brave and powerful disciples with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They were totally transformed. They became witnesses of Christ and devoted themselves to God. Strong disciples have been preaching and teaching the word of God to the rest of the world ever since. We ourselves, once we have 'called on the name' and believe in Christ

will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Filled with the awesome gift of Pentecost, each of us is called by the Holy Spirit to live and work for God. And, in our own way, we can step out, like the brave disciples of the time of Jesus, to spread the word of God and make disciples of Christ here in this world.

### Bible Study

Read Exodus 23:16.

What does the Festival of Harvest mean?

What do you understand by the term the first fruits?

Read Acts 2:1 & Acts 1:4 & Joel 2:28.

Discuss what happened to those who were at Pentecost?

Read Acts 2:2-3 & John 3:8.

What does this mean, "the Holy Spirit is like wind."

Read Genesis 1:2 & Ezekiel 37:5.

What does "the Holy Spirit" mean?

Explain the work of the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2:4 & 1 Corinthians 14:2.

What does this mean, "be filled with the Holy Spirit."

What is the difference between "speaking in tongues" in Acts 2:4 and in 1 Corinthians 14:2.

Read Acts 2:14-16. And Joel 2:28-32.

What is the relationship between these two passages, one from the New Testament and one from the Old Testament?

What does "all people" mean?

Evaluate what you have learned from these passages?