

## **Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-4 (1810)

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### **I. The Old Testament background of Pentecost**

#### **a. To understand Pentecost we must first understand Passover**

Exodus 12:11-13 NLT <sup>11</sup> *“These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the Lord’s Passover. <sup>12</sup> On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! <sup>13</sup> But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

#### **b. Pentecost was a day of joyous celebration of deliverance from Egypt**

Leviticus 23:15-16 NIV <sup>15</sup> *“From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. <sup>16</sup> Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the Lord.*

Deuteronomy 16:11-12 NLT <sup>11</sup> *This is a time to celebrate before the Lord your God...*

<sup>12</sup> *Remember that you were once slaves in Egypt, so be careful to obey all these decrees.*

#### **c. The anniversary of the giving of the law at Sinai**

### **II. The New Testament Day of Pentecost**

#### **a. The Holy Spirit poured out on the church**

John 14:16-17 NLT <sup>16</sup> *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. <sup>17</sup> He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.*

Acts 2:1-4 NIV *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

#### **b. The power of God seen in practical ways**

Acts 2:41 NIV *... about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

### III. What does this all mean to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

#### a. The reality of Pentecost enables us to fulfill the Great Commission

John 14:12 NLT <sup>12</sup> *"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*

#### b. Challenging the misunderstanding of the Great Commission

Mark 16:15 NLT <sup>15</sup> *And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."*

Mark 16:15 GW *Then Jesus said to them, "So wherever you go in the world, tell everyone the Good News."*

#### c. Where do you go in the world?