

Chapter 2

“Pentecost”

Summary

- The Holy Spirit empowers as never before
- Peter preaches and 3000 are saved
- Takes place in Jerusalem, A.D. 30

Outline

- I. The Outpouring of the Spirit
 - A. The manifestation of the Spirit - vs. 1-4
 - B. The miracle of tongues (languages) - vs. 5-11
 - C. The varied opinions of the observers - vs. 12-13
- II. Peter's Sermon - “Jesus is the Messiah”
 - A. Defense of the miracle - vs. 14-15
 - B. Fulfillment of Joel 2:28-32 - vs. 16-21
 - C. The ministry of Christ - vs. 22-24
 - D. Christ is prophesied in Psalm 16:8-11 - vs. 25-28
 - E. David as a prophet - vs. 29-31
 - F. Christ ascended and exalted - vs. 32-33
 - G. Better than David, seen in Psalm 110:1 - vs. 34-36
- III. The First Fruits of the Church Age
 - A. The hearers are moved - vs. 37
 - B. They are to repent - vs. 38-39
 - C. Peter sermon summarized - vs. 40
 - D. 3,000 saved and baptized - vs. 41
- IV. The Church Described
 - A. The character of the Christians - vs. 42-43
 - B. The community of the Christians - vs. 44-45
 - C. The continuation of the Christians - vs. 46-47

Notes on Chapter 2

Celebrating Pentecost

- Also called “Feast of Weeks”, in Hebrew *Shavuot* meaning “weeks”
- Described in Exodus 34:22-26, Leviticus 23:15- 22, Numbers 28:26-31, Deuteronomy 16:9-12
- One of the three “pilgrimage feasts” (with Passover and Feast of Tabernacles)
- Takes place on 50th day from Passover, around 6th of Sivan on Jewish Calendar
- Commemorates the anniversary of the giving of the Law to Moses - (tradition)
- Celebrated the First Fruits of the harvest - Numbers 28:26
- Can be seen as a festival thanking God for the harvest
- The Wave Offering - two large, leavened, wheat loaves waved by the priest

What about Tongues?

- The “tongues” of the Bible are languages... real human languages
- I believe “speaking in tongues” in the Bible is a supernatural working of the Holy Spirit causing either an individual to speak in a language foreign and otherwise unknown to them or causing those hearing the words to comprehend them as in their own language.
- Paul writes a lengthy passage on the subject in I Corinthians 14.
- Testing Tongues
 - Can the tongues be understood? - I Corinthians 14:9
 - Is there, or can there be, an interpreter? - I Corinthians 14:27-28
 - Does the use of tongues edify (build up) others? - I Corinthians 14:26
 - Does the use of tongues lead to confusion? - I Corinthians 14:33
 - Is the use of tongues for evangelism? - I Corinthians 14:22

Symbolism Surrounding Pentecost

- Christ was crucified at Passover
 - He was pictured in the Passover lamb that was slain
- The “First Fruits” of the spiritual harvest came on Pentecost - 3000 saved
- After the Law was given, 3000 perished after worshipping the Golden Calf - Exodus 32:28
- When the Holy Spirit came, 3000 were saved - Acts 2:41

Did the Church Start at Pentecost?

- Many good men think so, but I don’t really think so.
- My Theory
 - John the Baptist prepared for the Church in his ministry
 - Jesus Christ started the Church in His ministry
 - The Holy Spirit empowered the Church on Pentecost