

# PENTECOST and PENTECOSTALISM



## The Miracle of Pentecost and Its Defamation Through Pentecostalism



### AN OVERVIEW

- How was Christ addressed by John the Baptist? **John 1:29**  
 "...Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ which taketh away the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."
- Therefore, it should be no surprise that the timing of the death and resurrection of Christ falls during which Jewish Feast? (see F.Y.I.)
- How many days did Christ show Himself alive after the Resurrection (Easter Sunday)?  
**Acts 1:3** A) 30 B) 40 C) 50
- What instructions did Christ give to the disciples before He left? **Acts 1:4-5**
- What happened on that last day, when Christ was done speaking to His disciples?  
**Acts 1:9-12**
- On what day was the promise of the Father fulfilled? **Acts 2:1**
- When was this day originated? (F.Y.I.)
- What were the people to bring as an offering to the Lord?
- List some of the things that took place on the Day of Pentecost: **Acts 2:1-43**
  - Vs. 2 - The sound of \_\_\_\_\_, filling the house where they were sitting.
  - Vs. 3 - There appeared \_\_\_\_\_
  - Vs. 4 - They were filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Vs. 5-6 - Devout men dwelling in Jerusalem all heard their own \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Vs. 41 - \_\_\_\_\_ souls were added
  - Vs. 43 - The apostles did many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Day of Pentecost was previously known as the Day of First Fruits. Why was God's

timing of the sending of the Holy Spirit on this day so perfect? **Gal. 5:22**

### THE MIRACLE OF PENTECOST

- What had to take place before the Holy Spirit would come? **John 7:39**
- DISCUSS: How was this "fulfillment of time" such a perfect one?
  - Why not Before?
  - Why Then?
  - Why not Now?

### WHAT IS PENTECOSTALISM?

- Most of us think we know what it is. Test your knowledge. Circle the correct description(s):
  - A) It's one of many denominations of Christianity
  - B) A small heretical movement
  - C) Believes the miracle of Pentecost can be and should be repeated by the believer
  - D) Also known as the Charismatic Movement
  - E) Primarily popular in America
  - F) Growing at a rate of 13 million members a year, or 35,000 a day.
  - G) Second to the largest in membership only to Roman Catholicism.



*"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

### HOW SHOULD WE GUARD AGAINST IT?

- What should we recognize?
  - II Corinthians 11:13-15
  - Isaiah 8:19-20
  - I John 4:1
- For those who have loved ones attending churches who support this movement, how do we defend against its key errors?
  - Ephesians 4:5
  - Titus 3:5-6
  - Matthew 3:11
  - Acts 2:38-39

### F.Y.I. CORNER

- PASSOVER** - a Jewish feast commemorating the deliverance of the Jews from Egypt. The angel of death "passed over" those who had sacrificed and painted the blood of a lamb on their door posts. This feast falls during the 14th day of April (Nissan).
- PENTECOST** - (Gr. 4005) "fiftieth" imp. from the Passover; also known as the Feast of Weeks, The Feast of Harvest or the Day of First Fruits (Ex. 34:22; Num. 28:26; Deut. 16:9-12). In addition to wave offerings of the completion of harvest, the people were to give God an offering of the first fruits of their produce.
- PENTECOSTALISM** - a movement, that became popular in the early 20th century, claiming that the signs, miracles and wonders once bestowed to the apostles is an experience that is repeatable and should be sought after by a believer as a second experience and reckoned as an accomplishment of a "higher" Christian life. (Reformed Witness: D. Lee.)

### Psalter Hymnal #394

Spirit of God dwell Thou within my heart;  
 Wean it from earth, through all its pulses  
 move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou  
 art, And make me love Thee as I ought to  
 love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, No  
 sudden rending of the veil of clay, No angel  
 visitant, no opening skies; But take the  
 dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh,  
 Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
 To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
 Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.