

CHANGES THAT PENTECOST BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH

Acts 1 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, he have heard of me.

Acts 1 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.

I. Preparation for Pentecost

1. **Obedience**- they tarried as they were told
2. They **prayed**- v 14
3. They went in **expectation** that they would be “baptized with the Holy Ghost” v-5
4. They **maintained unity** v 14

The results of course would follow:

Acts 2-4 And 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.

II. CHANGE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THE PENTECOST EXPERIENCE

1. They went from a **national vision** to an **international vision**.

Jesus had already given them the great commission but the impact, urgency, and power to get it done did not occur until Pentecost. God’s focus was no longer Israel but the world.

2. They went from a **single priesthood** to a **priesthood of believers**.

told not to call unclean what the Lord had cleansed in the vision he gave him concerning unclean animals that God told him to eat.

b. Gender would no longer be an issue.

Gal 3 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Joe 2 28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Acts 21 8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

The gospel would be for all.

Gays, mixed marriages, the poor, the outcast, the rich, the hurting, the whole, the emotionally disturbed, the divorced, the unwed mother, the criminal, etc.