

*Jesus said, "I am the way,
the truth, and the life."*

—John 14:6

What is TRUTH?

Culture demands ... and deserves an answer



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Acts 1:4-5

HOLY SPIRIT

He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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The Truth about The Holy Spirit



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Symbols of the Spirit



◆ DOVE

◆ WATER

◆ FIRE

◆ WIND

◆ OIL

◆ CLOUD

◆ BREATH



Jesus in the Temple

- ◆ John 14:17-18, 26
 - I will come to you...
- ◆ “the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”



The Spirit of Christ

- ◆ Romans 8:9
- ◆ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he is not His.



The “Rest”

- ◆ Matthew 11:28
- ◆ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



The “Rest”

- ◆ Isaiah 28:11:12
- ◆ For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing” ...



Acts 2:1-4

THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.



Acts 2:1-4

THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



10 Days in the Upper Room

- ◆ Praying together creates unity; the act of praying and waiting demonstrates faith.
- ◆ “with one accord in one place” — Acts 2:1



The First Message of the Church

- ◆ Acts 2:15-17
- ◆ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:



The First Message of the Church

- ◆ Acts 2:15-17
- ◆ ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.



The Plan of Salvation

- ◆ The Question
 - ◆ Acts 2:37 “what shall we do?”
- ◆ The Answer
 - ◆ Acts 2:38
 - ◆ Repent, ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit





That was Then...

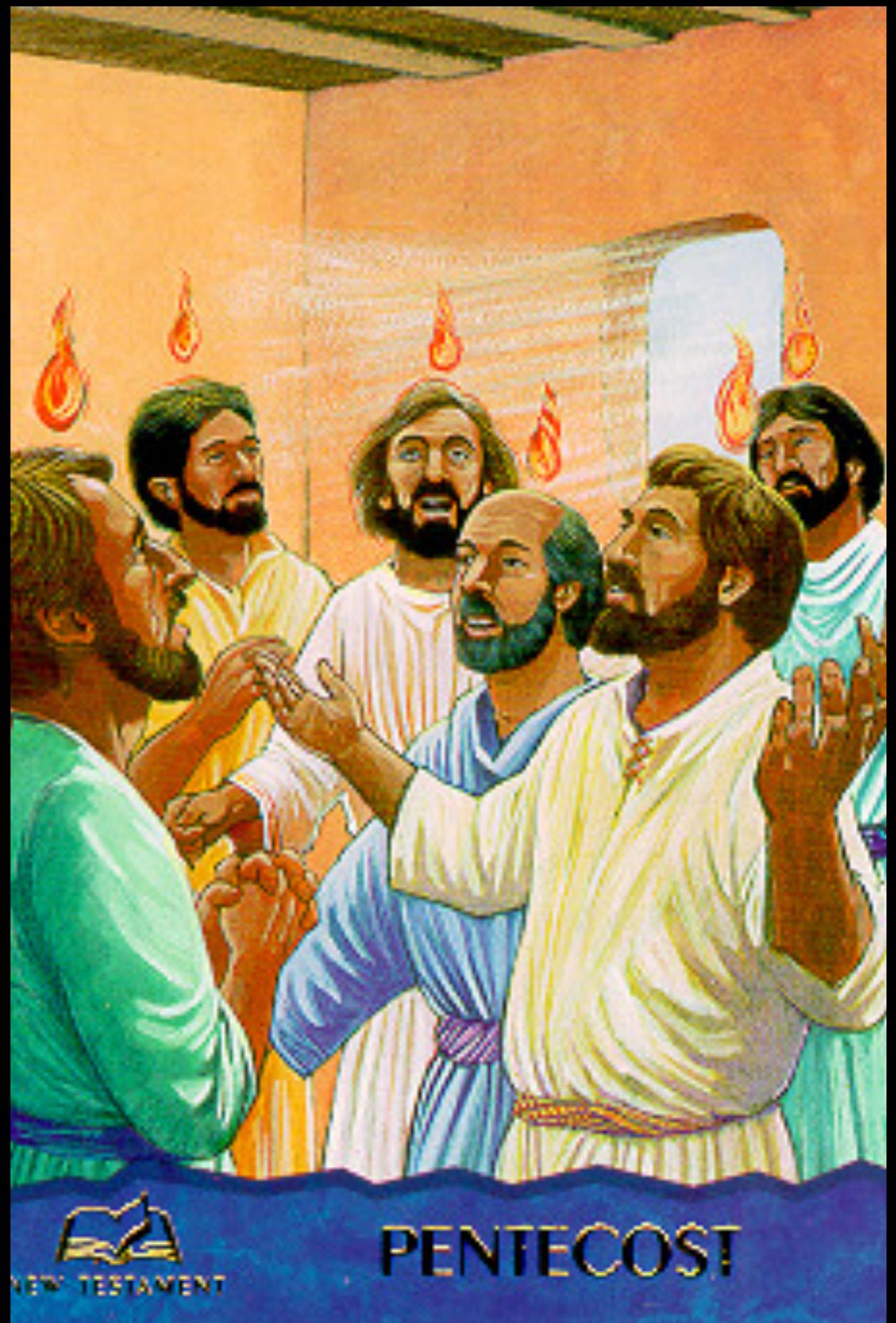


- ◆ Another Question
- ◆ “Is the Holy Spirit for everyone, or was it only for the believers in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost?”

The Promise of the Spirit

“For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

—Acts 2:39





The Promise for Every Believer

- ◆ John 7:38-39
- ◆ “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive



Believing & Receiving

- ◆ *“Believing on the Lord” is not the same as receiving the Holy Spirit*



Believing & Receiving

- ◆ Acts 8:12
- ◆ But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.



Believing & Receiving

- ◆ Acts 8:14-16
- ◆ Peter and John ... prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them.



Believing & Receiving

- ◆ Acts 19:1-7
- ◆ Other believers were asked, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”



Holy Spirit given to Gentiles

- ◆ Peter preached about the death and resurrection of Christ and remission of sins through His name (Acts 10:34-43)
 - The Holy Spirit fell - Acts 10:44