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Jesus had promised to send the Holy Spirit in John 14,15&16. Just before he left he told the Disciples to go to Jerusalem to wait for the coming of the Spirit. There was no time frame given to the Disciples, so you can imagine that after waiting 10 days must have been quite difficult.

Unlike after the Crucifixion and even after the Resurrection when the Disciples all seem to go their own way, here we read in Acts 2:1 that “**they were all together in one place**”. Their EXPECTATION of what would happen must have been heightened by the promise of Jesus at the Ascension. I imagine the GOING of Jesus must have made them wonder what the COMING of the Holy Spirit would be like.

The experience is described as:

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Jesus had said several things in John 14-16 about the coming of the Spirit.

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1. JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME

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Jesus always keeps his word. The coming of the Holy Spirit was not a new thing. The Spirit had come and gone on many occasions in the Old Testament.

Numbers 11:25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders.

When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

Judges 6:34 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.

Judges 11:29 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites.

1 Samuel 16:13-14 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah. v14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

The great difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament is, in the New Testament the HOLY SPIRIT is GIVEN TO ALL WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS AND FOLLOW HIM AS LORD.

2. JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD POINT US TO JESUS

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Although this is the BIG DAY FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE SERMON ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST IS ABOUT JESUS!

Acts 2:22-33 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. v23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. v24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. v25 David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. v26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, v27 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. v28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.' v29 "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. v30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place

one of his descendants on his throne. v31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. v32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. v33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

Few would disagree that the message of the BIBLE is about Jesus.

The Old Testament LOOKS FORWARD to Jesus

The Gospels TALKS ABOUT THE LIFE of Jesus

The Epistles HELP US UNDERSTAND Jesus

The Revelation TALKS ABOUT THE RETURN of Jesus

*2 Peter 1:16-21 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. v17 For he received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." v18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. v19 And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. v20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. v21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, **but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.***

3. JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD HELP US TALK ABOUT JESUS

***John 15:27** And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*

On the evening before the Crucifixion, Peter was afraid to even say he knew Jesus, NOW ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST HE CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT JESUS. In a LOUD voice!!!

Acts 2:14-21 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. V15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! V16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: v17 " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. V18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. V19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. V20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. V21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

ALL THE DISCIPLES WERE PREACHING ABOUT JESUS.

Acts 2:4 *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"*

Jesus said we are all to be WITNESSES.

What qualifies somebody to be a witness?

THEY MUST HAVE FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE!!!

4. JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD HELP KEEP US STRONG WHEN DIFFICULTY CAME.

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Jesus WARNED HIS DISCIPLES DIFFICULTY WOULD COME.

It did not take long for the Disciples

1. to be dragged before the Sanhedrin. Acts 4
2. to be put in jail. Acts 5:18
3. to be martyred. Acts 7:30

Being a true follower of Jesus goes Hand-in-Hand with persecution.

Even on the Day of Pentecost, we read in Acts 2:13 "Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

2 Timothy 3:12 *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

James 1:12 *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*

Luke 14:26-27 *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple. v27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

1 Peter 4:12-14 *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. v13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. v14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

5. JESUS PROMISED THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME FOR OUR GOOD.

John 16:5-7 v5 "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' v6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. v7 But I tell you the truth: **It is for your good that I am going away.** Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

What did Jesus mean when he said these words.

John 16:12-15 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. v13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. v14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. v15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Conclusion:

We are who we are as Christians, because of the WORK OF THE SPIRIT in our lives.

Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

2 *Timothy 1:14* Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.