

IN ONE ACCORD
PENTECOST 2014
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(Acts 2:1-11) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. {2} And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. {3} Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. {4} And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. {5} And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. {6} And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. {7} Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? {8} "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? {9} "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, {10} "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, {11} "Cretans and Arabs; we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Beloved, it is the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out on those praying in one accord in one place in Jerusalem just 10 days after Jesus has ascended to heaven.

Every year since their birth, they had celebrated the Feast of Pentecost as the Lord has commanded their ancestors when they were in the wilderness. You can read about it in Lev. 23:15-22. Jesus came to Jerusalem from many different lands, speaking many diverse languages to keep this feast, as the Lord had commanded them to do. It had been going on for centuries.

But this Pentecost was to be radically different for those who followed Yeshua. This Pentecost the feast would "fully come." Did you notice those words in Acts 2:1?

What the Lord is telling us is that the celebration of Pentecost for all those centuries since it was instituted in the wilderness was not complete. You see God had a plan since before the creation of the world for His Holy Spirit to be poured out on His people and to make them the Body of Jesus on the earth. The death and resurrection of Jesus was the cataclysmic event that opened the door for the Holy Spirit to be given to the people who had entered that door, which was Jesus Himself. He said, "I am the door" and in this passage, He shows us a foretaste of what happens when we pass through it. The Holy Spirit is poured out on us.

So for centuries the Jews had celebrated this feast, ever since the Lord had given Moses the Torah on Mt. Sinai. The fire fell on Mt. Sinai when the Torah was given and that same fire was seen resting on the heads of the faithful in the upper room. It was an awesome sign that the Living Torah was being written on their hearts as prophesied in Scripture. And they were being given power through the Holy Spirit to be the very body of Christ on earth.

The Church was born in fulfillment of this Feast

Oh Beloved, let us be in one accord this Pentecost. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would fall on all of us who know Jesus as our Savior and our Lord to give us all tongues of fire to make Him known throughout Coweta County. *Lord, fill us with your supernatural passion for the lost, we pray, and give us the power of your Holy Spirit to win them to you. Amen.*