

## Present Transforming Presence 2020-05-31

Last week: commemorated fallen soldiers who died to protect USA freedom.

- Today commemorate far greater event that has impacted millions world-wide for over 2000 years and is effecting you this moment!!!

Pentecost-- Anniversary of outpouring Holy Spirit & birth of New Testament church. Acts 1:8, 2:1-4

Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 2:1-4...*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

- Creation (seen/unseen), incarnation (God in flesh) amazing but perfect Lord INDWELLING sinners/empowering for holiness absolutely astounding.

Pentecost confirms Christians have supernatural relationship with God.

- Holy Spirit indwells Christians to transform their lives into image of Jesus Christ.
  - CLICK PAUSE: spend next 30 minutes meditate/repent/worship.

"Pente" means "50"...celebrated exactly 50 days after Passover.

- Jewish tradition.... commemorated giving of law at Mt Sinai 7 weeks after deliverance from Egypt.
  - Holy Spirit to Pentecost/law what Jesus' atonement to Passover/Paschal Lamb.
    - Holy Spirit came to write universally on men's hearts what had been written for Israelites on stone.

Holy Spirit indwells every believer at moment of salvation. Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:9, Acts 10:44

Eph 1:13-14...*In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.*

Rom 8:9...*You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.*

Acts 10:44b...*the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.*

- Each Christian regardless of age/spiritual maturity has all Holy Spirit in all His fullness.

- No “Jr.” & “Sr.” versions.
- Don’t progressively receive by degrees/doses until full of Him.
- God not divide Spirit into segments handed out in increments.
- Even when Christian sins he is still fully indwelt by Holy Spirit.
  - Yet not always “filled w/Spirit”. Ephesians 5:18

Ephesians 5:18....do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

“Be Filled” implies influence/control like alcohol influences person actions/words.

- Be filled; present passive imperative...more literally "be being kept filled"
  - “Be continually and willingly being “under influence/control” of Holy Spirit.
    - Not Christians get more of Holy Spirit but He gets more of us.
- No one is always totally “filled with Holy Spirit”: We resist, quench, walk in flesh. Acts 7:51, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, Galatians 5:16-17
  - That’s why “filling’ command implies repeated action, not 1 time event.
    - Peter had many fillings. Acts 2:4, 4:8-9, 23, 31

Ephesians 5:18 implies/assumes idea of conscious continuation.

- Continuously being filled ("be being kept filled") involves moment-by-moment abiding in Jesus Christ....Word, worship, prayer, fellowship.
  - Holiness grows as indwelling Holy Spirit transforms lives into image of Jesus and changes you from inside out. 2 Corinthians 3:18, John 15:5

2 Corinthians 3:18....we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

John 15:5.... I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

- Holy Spirit mysterious like wind but child recognize effects of wind.

The Spirit-filled life yields every thought, decision, word, act to Spirit’s control.

- Willingly and joyfully surrender to Holy Spirit’s control produces amazing things...entirely of His doing and for God’s glory.
  - Jesus-like desires, attitude, motives, words, actions, thoughts.
- To depth yield/controlled by Holy Spirit, increasingly grow in holiness (fruit of Holy Spirit), effective use of spiritual gifts and intimacy with Jesus. 2 Peter 3:18, 1 Peter 2:2-3, Philippians 1:9

Outside command lost trust in Jesus for salvation, no more necessary command in Script than Christians be filled with Holy Spirit because can’t grow in holiness or do God’s will apart from God’s Spirit.

- Holy Spirit indwells Christians to transform their lives into image of Jesus.
  - Spirit filled life is life of wonderful, joy filled holiness that brings glory/delight to Jesus.
    - Regularly ask your Creator, Savior, King and Friend to fill afresh with His Spirit.