

# HE SENT HIS SPIRIT HE SENT HIMSELF

## Ephesians 3:1-13

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:1-14



### He Is God

- He is the Creator, Potter, Sustainer.
- He is King - the **MOST HIGH**.
- He is the Law-Giver and the Judge.
- He is the **ONLY** Savior and Redeemer.
  - ★ God, the Father; God, the Son, God, the Holy Spirit.
- He provided an Intercessor/Advocate for His people.
- **He is Lord over ALL.**
- **He came to be with HIS Church.** (John 14:21-23; 1Cor 3:16-17; 2Cor 6:16; Eph 2:21)

### God and His Feasts - Rejoice with the Host!

- See handout: The Feasts of the LORD - 2026.
- Three times a year God demanded/commanded that all males gather together with Him in Jerusalem to celebrate HIS feasts. (Exodus 23:14-17; 34:23-24; Deuteronomy 16:15-16) MEDITATE: Luke 14:12-24.
- God gave His people **His** seven feasts *after He* redeemed them from Egypt.
- God gave His people **His** seven feasts in order to share **His** joy with *His* people.
- One cannot share in God's joy unless he/she is a child of God.
- One cannot share in God's joy unless he/she is *born-again*. (John 3:3, 5)
- God's joy is centered on His Son, Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 42:1; Matt 3:17; 17:5)
- All of **His** feasts point to and speak about His Son. (Luke 24:25-26, 44)
- God **was/is** the host. His people are *only* guests.
- All arrangements: the time, the place, the ordering of the feasts were/are under taking of/by GOD.
- NOTHING was/is left to the people. There was NO vote!
- *True happiness* comes from enjoying God, not what we believe is better!

### Feast of Weeks – Pentecost

- On the Feast of Weeks - God sent His Spirit to the Church at the request of His Son.
- Two loaves of bread – **with yeast/leaven!** (1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 11:17; Col 3:10-11) **Two loaves - ONE OFFERING!**
- Jews and Gentiles *supernaturally* brought together to make one Church. And yet, God recognizes that there is no difference in their sin. (Acts 4:27; Romans

3:22-23; Ephesians 3:1-13)

➤ (Ephesians 3:6) THE MYSTERY: JEWS and GENTILES ONE! THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JEWISH and GENTILE SINNERS! THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JEWISH and GENTILE BELIEVERS.

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW “in Christ” - ONE BODY.

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW “fellow citizens” in the Kingdom of God.

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW “partakers of His promise in Christ.”

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW “called to ONE hope.”

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW God’s “special people.”

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW members of God’s family.

★ Jewish and Gentile believers are NOW “fellow heirs”.

★ Jewish and Gentile believers NOW are partakers of the “unsearchable riches of Christ.”

★ Jewish and Gentile believers NOW have EQUAL rights, privileges and responsibilities. They are **THE CHURCH of GOD!**

- A **new** grain offering. (Leviticus 23:16; Matthew 9:15-17)
  - We are a NEW CREATION. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
  - We are RE-CREATED by God. (Ephesians 2:10)
- It was a *firstfruit* offering. It was closely connected to the *firstfruit* of the Feast of Firstfruits. (Hebrews 2:11; 12:23; Romans 8:23)
- The New Testament Church was born at Pentecost!
  - By an act of God.
  - Man cannot mar it, mutilate it, add to it or subtract from it. (Eccl 3:14)
  - The gates of Hell shall never prevail (Matthew 16:18).
- We speak here of *only* the true Church made up of *true* Christians. These Christians are described by Jesus, their Head, in His sermon on the mount.
- This offering COULD NOT be offered to God BY ITSELF – it had to be offered with the other offerings. The Church is ONLY acceptable (sweet) to God by the works of Christ. (Leviticus 2:12)

## Sending of the Holy Spirit

- “You can do nothing without Me.” (John 15:5)
- Christ promised to send His Spirit to lead, help, teach, advocate, and comfort His people (John 14:16, 26; 16:7, 13-14)
- DO WE REALLY KNOW THE SPIRIT? - as revealed by God.
- Why was the Holy Spirit sent to the Church? Why did God come to His Church?
  1. To **save and sanctify**. (Romans 15:16; 1 Cor 6:11; 2 Thess 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2; Titus 3:5) - “sanctify” - set apart **for God!** MEDITATE!
  2. To **testify** of Christ to us. (John 15:26)
  3. To **impart eternal life and saving faith**. (John 6:63; Romans 8:11; 2

Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 5:5; 6:8)

4. To **empower** her. (Acts 1:8)
  - To **fight** the battle of sin. (Galatians 5:17)
    - The *filling* of the Holy Spirit allows us to do this. (Eph 5:18)
  - To **witness** of Christ and His work. (Acts 1:8)
    - Through what we say and do.
  - To **walk (live)** according to God's Word. (Rom 8:1-5; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Galatians 5:16; John 15:7)
5. To **seal** her. (Eph 1:13-14; 4:30; Rom 8:23; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5)
  - Nothing and no one can break this seal. (Romans 8:35-39)
  - The Holy Spirit is God's **guarantee** to all of His promises.
6. To **lead** her into **TRUTH** - NOT relativism!
  - We cannot know the truth without the Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:14; John 16:13)
  - He leads us by the use of TRUTH – God's Word. (John 17:17; Psalm 119:105; 43:3; 19:8; Proverbs 6:23; 2 Peter 1:19)
7. To **lead** her in the way she should go. (Gal 5:16-18, 25; Romans 8:14)
8. To **give spiritual gifts** to each one that Christ died for. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11) to be used to minister to others brothers and sisters.
9. To **indwell** her. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)
  - God sent His Spirit into His special people's heart **because** they are/were His sons. (Galatians 4:6)
  - He is **in** us! (John 14:17; 1 Corinthians 6:19) MEDITATE!
10. To **produce** fruit in her.
  - Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of **the Spirit**, not of us!
  - Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control are all **gifts**, not things we produce but are produced in us by the Holy Spirit!
  - This fruit is NOT for us but for others. (1 Peter 4:10-11; John 7:37-39)
11. To **help** her to **pray**. (Romans 8:26; Eph 6:18; Jude 20-21)
  - We are to pray in the Spirit. To pray "in the Spirit" is to:
    - ① Be in submission, being led by, "lining up with" the Spirit of God.
    - ② Pray consistently in accordance with the will of God and in the power of the Spirit as He dwells in me to "will and do for His pleasure". (1 John 5:14-15; Philippians 2:13)
  - We are to become so saturated with the thoughts of God (immersed [baptized] in the Word of God) that we pray as the Spirit prays in us. We become one in our prayers. (Psalm 1:1-3; John 15:7)
12. To **intercede** for her. (Romans 8:26)
13. To **convict** her! (John 16:8)
  - God sent His Spirit, as He sent His Son, to convict us of our sins. No conviction — No Spirit.

14. To **comfort** her in her **many** afflictions and tribulations! (John 14:16, 18, 26; 16:7, 33; 15:19-21; **Acts 9:31**; 14:22; Rom 8:16-17, 18, 36; 2 Tim 3:12; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Matt 5:4, 10-12; 2 Cor 1:3-6)
15. To **raise** her from the dead! (Romans 8:11)
  - The Spirit, and the Spirit alone, gives life. (John 6:63; 2 Cor. 3:6; Galatians 6:8)
16. To help her **mortify** sin in her. (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5)
17. **Transform** her into the image of Christ (2 Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29; Col 3:10).
18. To **shed abroad God's love** in our hearts. (Romans 5:5)
19. To **unify her**. (Ephesians 4:1-3)
20. To **wash** and **renew** her. (Titus 3:5)

### Serious Warnings

- DO NOT **QUENCH** THE SPIRIT (1 Thessalonians 5:19).
- DO NOT **GRIEVE** THE SPIRIT (Ephesians 4:30).
- DO NOT **RESIST** THE SPIRIT (Acts 7:51).
- DO NOT **IGNORE** THE SPIRIT (Hebrews 3:7-8, 15).
- We quench, grieve, resist, ignore the Spirit in our disobedience to God's Law, living life for ourselves rather than for God, giving God less than what He deserves, not giving God our all/best, etc.
- **ONLY THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD** (Romans 8:14).

### Instead We Are Commanded - **BE FILLED** (Ephesians 5:18)

- The verb: *pleroo* - "to be filled"; "to be controlled"; "to be moved"
- ILLUSTRATIONS:
  - Cup of Water
  - Glove
  - Sail on a boat
- A command in the **PASSIVE VOICE** - something that happens to us. We cannot fill ourselves with the Spirit - yet, we are commanded to **CONTINUALLY BE FILLED** with the SPIRIT. How can we fulfill this **COMMAND**?
  - ❶ Continually examine ourselves, continually confess our many sins, continually repent of our sins (2 Cor 13:5; 1 John 1:9-10; Luke 13:1-5)
  - ❷ Totally surrender to God. Be a slave to God and others (Matt 20:26-28; Rom 6:22; Luke 17:7-10; Luke 14:33)
  - ❸ **PRAY** - ask God to fill you (Luke 11:13 with James 4:3)
  - ❹ Let the Word of God dwell in you richly (Eph 5:19-20; Col 3:16; John 8:31)
    - In so doing, God's thoughts will become our thoughts; God's will becomes our will. (Psalm 1:1-3)
- ★ Being filled with the Holy Spirit is "walking thought by thought; decision by decision; act by act; step by step; word by word under the control of the Holy Spirit".

