

## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Book of Acts

“Can I Get A Witness-The Gospel To The Ends Of The Earth”

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### 1. Pentecost

KJV 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Pentecost was originally the festival of the first fruits of the grain harvest.

Pentecost-means 50, as it was 50 days after Passover.

Pentecost was also called Weeks or Feast of Weeks, as it was 7 weeks after Passover.

Pentecost was one of the three great Pilgrim festivals of Judaism along with Passover and Tabernacle.

NLT 1 all the believers were meeting together in one place.

There were 120 members in waiting in one place.

KJV Act 1:4 and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

NLT Acts 1:4 “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised,

CEV 4 Don't leave Jerusalem yet. Wait here for the Father to give you the Holy Spirit, just as I told you he has promised to do.

8. But you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth

## 2. Holy Spirit

KJV 2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

KJV 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

CEV 3 Then they saw what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions, and a tongue came and settled on each person there.

cloven tongues-is always used in the sense of dividing or distributing. The fire was divided.

We see that the tongues of fire fell on everyone all the 120 that was in the house, not just the disciples. Everyone was filled/baptized with the Holy Spirit.

After Pentecost the Spirit work is from within (He indwells), He is permanent & normal, involving all.

KJV 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

NLT 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit

CEV 1 Corinthians 12: 13 Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God's Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

Everyone knew at least 2 languages. To speak in a foreign language was unnecessary, as most Jews spoke Aramaic & almost everyone in the world at that time spoke Greek.

## 3. Crowd

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæans?

Galileans was rude, unpolished, and unlearned men; who had never been brought up in any school of learning and had never learned any language but their mother tongue; and that they pronounced in a very odd manner; and which made the thing the more astonishing to them.

## Galilean Aramaic

Early Galilean Aramaic, the mother tongue of Jesus.

Galilean was so very distinct from other contemporary dialects spoken during Jesus' lifetime, such as Judean Aramaic, that a Galilean could be told apart simply by their speech.

**Matthew 26:73** After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.'" –

Because of how Galileans spoke differently, early Judean Rabbis thought poorly of them, accusing them of "sloppy speech."

KJV 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

NLT 8 and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

NLT 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages **about the wonderful things God has done!**"

KJV 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

NLT 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed.

CEV 12 They all stood there, dumbfounded and astonished, saying to one another, "What is this phenomenon?"

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

**Ephesians 5:18** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;