

MORE

May 28, 2023 Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-12 by Bob Branch
Pentecost Sunday

There is More.

BIG IDEA: What God's MORE can look like for you?

The Feast/Festival of Pentecost/Weeks/First Fruits/*Shavuot*
(Lev 23:16; Ex. 34:22; 23:16; Num. 28:26)

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” **Acts 1:4-5, 8**

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” **Acts 2:1-12**

What happened at and because of this New Pentecost?

1 God kept his promise (*Jesus promised & he is faithful*).
(Jn. 14:17, 26; 15:26; 16:13-15)

“God is faithful” **1 Corinthians 1:9**

2 The Spirit (God's own presence) filled a place and the people (*they experienced the Spirit*). (Acts 2:1-4)

“keep on being filled with the Spirit.” **Ephesians 5:18** ISV

3 The Church was born (*as an act of God himself*) (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

“flesh gives birth to flesh, and Spirit gives birth to Spirit”
John 3:6

4 God consecrated a new dwelling place/temple: US!
(1 Chr. 7:1-3; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; Eph 2:21)

5 God's Kingdom came, remained and expanded. (*God's restoration broke thru & setup shop*)

“Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” **Luke 10:9**

6 Power was released for telling people about Jesus.

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7 God provided the “more” that was needed. (*because our own power is not enough*)

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty” **Zechariah 4:6**

INTEGRATING THIS INTO OUR LIVES

- Get _____.
- Ask for _____—to be immersed again!
- Expect God to _____.
- Step out _____.
- Ask someone to _____ for you.
- _____ for the Spirit's filling.