

TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT PENTECOST (Acts 2:14-41)

- **What does this mean? What shall we do?**

1. **It means – The Spirit has been poured out!** Acts 2:14-21
Peter quotes Joel 2:28-31
2. **It means Jesus is risen is Lord and Messiah.** Acts 2:22-36
Peter quotes Psalm 16:8-11 & 110:1

3. What shall we do? Acts 2:37-40

Normal Elements of Initiation Into Christ:

- A. Hearing/reading the Word resulting in conviction of sin/truth
- B. Repentance, Faith – Aligning with Jesus and His Mission
- C. Water baptism – testimony of your conversion in front of humans & angels
- D. Receiving Forgiveness (freedom from guilt & shame)
 - Confess your sin (1John 1:8)
 - Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)
- E. Receiving the Holy Spirit
 - Jesus said to Ask – Luke 11:13
 - Sometimes leaders laid on hands and prayed for people – (Acts 8:17, Acts 9:17, 19:6)
- F. Being devoted to the community life of the Church (Summaries: Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37)

Addition Insights into Pentecost

- **HEART.** Feast of Pentecost commemorated the giving of God's law (the 10 Commandments) 50 days after Passover. Jeremiah prophesied of a time & new covenant when God would write His laws on our minds & hearts (Jer. 31:33 & Hebrews 10:16)
- **LOVE.** Being filled with the Spirit is meant to include "The Father Loves You experience" – Jesus' baptism, Luke 3:21-22, Romans 5:5,, 8:15-16
- **MISSION.** The Jewish Pentecost week included the celebration of the firstfruits of the grain harvest. The Spiritual harvest of souls for Christ had begun! Being filled with the Spirit includes aligning with His Mission to all the earth (Acts 1:8)
- **SUPERNATURAL GIFTS.** Prophetic gifts exercised by old/young & men/women will be characteristic of the Church Age. The supernatural occurs over 50 times in the Book of Acts. Tongues is mentioned in three stories when the infilling of the Spirit is described in detail. Hebrews 6:5 says we taste "the powers of the age to come."
- **UNITY/COMMUNITY.** One of the greatest wonders of Pentecost was the formation of a joyful, generous people - devoted to the Lord and each other. The reverse of the Tower of Babel story (Genesis 11:9) Acts 2:4-6 & 42-47
- **THE WORD.** The Spirit gave understanding to the scriptures. The book of Acts has 40 quotes from the Old Testament. .