

The Holy Fire Of Pentecost
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What is Pentecost?

Pentecost comes from the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means fifty—fifty days after Passover/Easter
Celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit
Often referred to as the birth of the Church of Jesus

First Pentecost in Jerusalem

Jewish Roots

- Leviticus 23:16 Jews were gathered for Shavout; also known as Feast of Weeks/Feast of Harvest

Birth of early Church

- Apostles gathered in the Upper Room according to Jesus' departing instructions in Luke 24:49
- Jews and Gentiles together
- A fulfillment of Ezekiel 36:26 —“I will write my law on your hearts”.

Acts 1: 8-Luke writes about the instructions of Jesus:

“You shall receive power; (dunamis) when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”

This dynamic, supernatural power is the root word of our English words, dynamite, dynamo and dynamic.

Acts 2

Holy Spirit is poured out on all flesh in a fulfillment of Joel 2 promise.

The Kingdom of God is not based on talk but on power (1 Corin. 4:20)

Role of the Holy Spirit according to Scripture:

The Holy Spirit ignites the power of God in us, and gracing us to move in His power. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, Comforter and Helper to:

- Live a life that pleases God
- Connect with the heavenly realm and resources
- Teach us what is true; guide us in the truth
- Bring conviction of sin, so we can be freed from sin's dominion and daily fight its influences
- Form us in the nature of Christ and the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22)
- Binds us together as the Body of Christ (1 Corin. 12:12-13)