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**"I will pour out My Spirit on ALL flesh." Joel 2:28**

**"And When the Day of Pentecost Was Fully Come"**

By Tom Kerry

On Sunday June 4th, we will be observing another one of God's Holy Days. What is surprising is that it is the only Holy Day of God's seven annual Holy Days that is recognized by the Christian world. Catholics and Protestants alike recognize Pentecost as the birth of the New Testament Church. There is even a sect in the Christian churches that is named after the day - Pentecostals. They are even recognized by the flames incorporated in the logos of the name.

Unfortunately, in the Christian observing churches, recognition of the name, Pentecost, is where the observance of the meaning of the Holy Day stops. Ask them about the Feast of Weeks and you will get blank stares. The deeper meaning, and the depth of understanding is obscured simply by applying the translation of the English Pentecost, from the Greek word meaning 50th.

The word Pentecost is a transliteration of the Greek word *Pentecost*. The correct term is fiftieth. When we translate the fiftieth into the word Pentecost, we actually change it from an adjective to a noun. I'm not trying to make this too technical, but simply make a point. The point being, we take the meaning of the Old Testament of an event that requires fifty days to complete, into a noun that focuses on a single day event, Pentecost; the birth of the New Testament Church.

It is imperative that we understand, that the birth of the New Testament Church is a part of the harvest. However, it is not the only part of the harvest. If we, members of God's called out ones observe the Holy Day as Pentecost only, we too, like all Christianity miss the purpose and the meaning of this day. To understand what the day is we need to go to the Old Testament to see what is given.

**Old Testament Instructions for  
Feast of Weeks—Pentecost**

The instructions of the Old Testament is a forward counting, or better put, a forward looking event. The instructions gives us several very specific points. I want to cover two of them; the harvesting and the counting.

Notice the **first point** of the harvesting. We are told when the harvest begins, and when it is completed. Lev. 23:10-11 *"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it."*

This harvesting is the "type" in which God uses to reveal His plan for the harvesting for mankind. The Bible specifies the two major harvest; the spring and the fall. God's Holy Day plan lays out how God gives all mankind the opportunity to be harvested, or to put it another way; to be a part of His Kingdom.

These instructions are vital, because the **second point** tells us how long we are to do the harvesting. Lev. 23:15-16 *"And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number fifty days."*

Seven is the number of completion in God's Word. Thus the seven weeks shows us the harvest is not complete until the plan for mankind is complete, the seven thousand years as prescribed for mankind in the Bible. This includes both harvest, the spring and the fall. This information is nearly completely obscured by nearly all Christianity.

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Think about it, the doctrine of heaven and hell when you die is a complete perversion of the plan represented in the Feast of Weeks, and the New Testament observance of the Day of Pentecost. On the one hand, Christianity teaches you die and go to heaven, while at the same time it tells you Jesus is coming back to resurrect those that are His at His second coming. You have to wonder how people can't see this, yet, they are blinded until God removes the blinders.

### How Does the Misunderstanding Come About on Pentecost?

The misunderstandings come from the way God has obscured His true meaning (s) of the Feast of Weeks and why the world recognizes Pentecost only. Think about it, when you recognize Pentecost as the birth of the church only, which in part it is, it becomes an annual memorial, of an event that took place 2,000 years ago, similar to that like we observe on the 4th of July.

The misunderstanding comes from the wording in two specific places in Acts 2. Notice Acts 2:1 *“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”* Also notice Acts 2:16-17 *“But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”*

When you put these scriptures together, it appears on the surface to say that Pentecost is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel, and fulfills the meaning from the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks. But that isn't what the Bible is telling us.

In verse one, it is telling us that the “fiftieth day” had fully arrived, not that the day represented the fulfillment. Additionally in vs 1, the term fully comes, is misunderstood to mean that we ‘fully have God’s Holy Spirit.’ Notice II Cor 1:22 *“Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts”* Today we only have a down payment of His Holy Spirit. We do not as yet have ALL of the Holy Spirit.

Second, does the verses 16-17 fulfill the Prophecy of Joel? What does Joel say? *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”* Ask yourself. Did God pour out His Spirit on all flesh on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2? Obviously not. What are we missing?

### Pentecost the Doorway To The Future

This is where the insight into this Holy Day gets exciting. Here we are approximately 2,000 years later from the day of Pentecost of Acts 2, and God’s Holy Spirit still hasn’t been poured out upon all flesh. Take a moment and think about that. Now let’s go further. What about when Christ returns at His second coming. Will God’s Holy Spirit be poured out upon all flesh at that time? No, not then either. How about at the end of the thousand years when we see the second resurrection? (Rev 20:5-7) Nope, not then either. Take a look, Satan is released for a short time, and mankind again gathers to over throw Christ and take over. Obviously all men do not have God’s Holy Spirit at that time either.

There is coming a day when God’s Holy Spirit **will** be poured out on all flesh as Joel prophesied. When is that day? When the fiftieth is full come. When is that?

Find out when that takes place in the sermon I am planning to deliver on Pentecost. If you do not have a place to go to for worship this year for Pentecost, we invite you to worship with us. We will be broadcasting services live on our web page on Pentecost as we do each Sabbath, both here and from our Michigan brethren. If you have a congregation to meet with, please by all means meet with them (*“Forsake not the assembly”*) and send for your free DVD **“Pentecost, the Doorway to the Future.”**

Have a great Holy Day,  
Sincerely, Your Brother in Christ,



Tom Kerry

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From all of us at the COGMI, Thank you for your continual support to make all of this possible, have a great Pentecost.



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