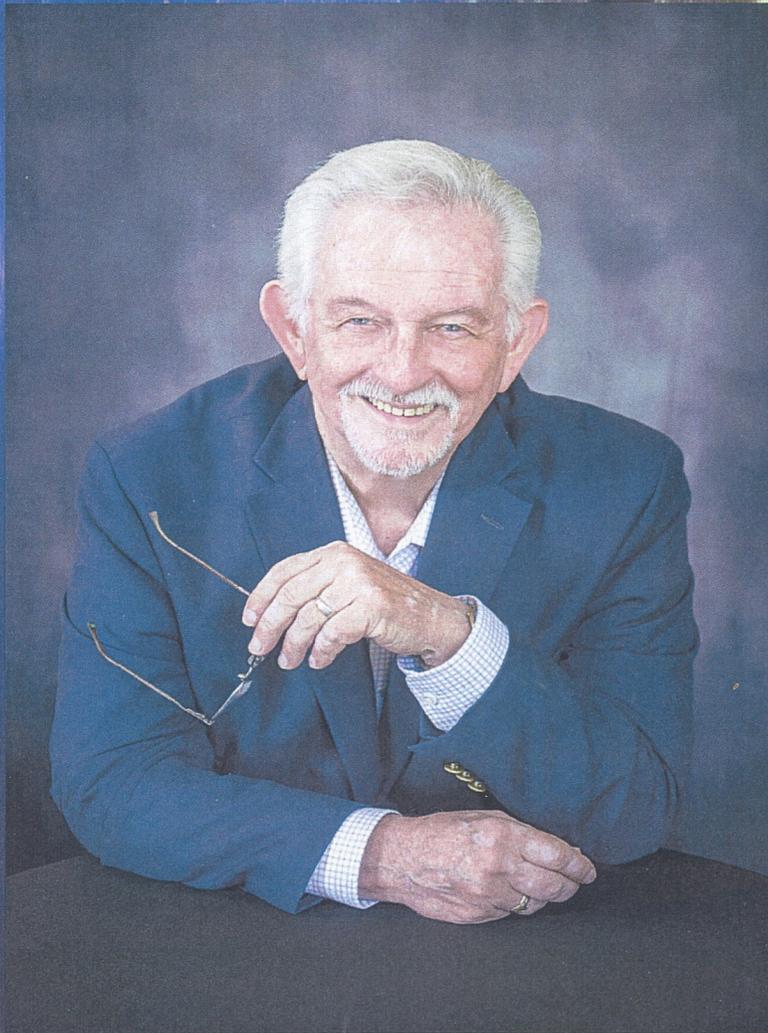


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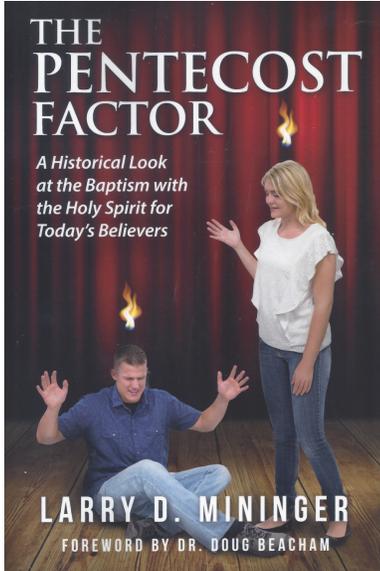
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Contemporary Views of Pentecost

Introduction

Of the Christian denominations who claim to be conservative evangelical, most believe the following concerning Pentecost:

1. They believe it to be the day Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to earth for the purpose of replacing Himself after the ascension.
2. Most Christians would concede that Pentecost was primarily the _____ of the church.
3. From there, the views, theories and interpretations drift into a theological mine field.
4. Each group eventually adopted their own theory of Pentecost until it became settled doctrine for them.

The Groups Fall Into Four Categories

Group A: **Genuine Pentecostal:** This group has paid the price and done their homework.

1. They have held to the inspiration of scripture and believe that what happened on the day of Pentecost was God's gift to _____ culture and generation.
2. Most of this group teaches and receives the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and speaking with tongues today.
3. A true assessment of their practice is difficult because in some groups it is on the decline.
4. The power gifts of the Spirit are functioning in _____ among them.
5. Leaders of this group have a general understanding of Pentecost but again efforts to pass the outpouring along to the next generation vary from one church to the next.

Group B: **Discretionary Tolerance:** Those in this group leave the Individual Christian _____ on the view they prefer to believe and practice concerning the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

1. Everyone is free to _____ the doctrine according to their own discretion.
2. They conclude that scripture has much to say on the subject but it is _____ in their gatherings.
3. With this approach, most members are ignorant of God's purpose and function of Pentecost. It is usually _____
4. Their justification is to say; "We will just focus on the basics of Christianity."
5. In the long term, there is fear of emotionalism, excesses and _____ from the church.

Group C: **Conversion Baptized:** The majority of this group are persuaded that all of the Holy Spirit that God made available is received at the time of conversion to Christ.

1. Their reasoning is based upon the common knowledge of scripture that a sinner cannot be born again except the _____ to Christ (Thus, they do have the Spirit).
2. To be fair, their believers often have just enough of the Spirit to _____ behind and develop a testimony of how Christ transformed them.
3. The above scenario satisfies most people in the group, but it also _____ to the group level of revelation on the Holy Spirit.
4. The dominant hindrance to those in this group is that they do not comprehend that the Spirit comes in measured portions and _____.
5. Only Christ received the Spirit without measure (Jn. 3:34-35).
6. For them, it is receiving "all of the Spirit at one time" or nothing. This leaves them blind to how God dispenses His anointing. For example: Saving faith, the Fruit of faith, and the ____ of faith.
7. God never peaks out on portions He can give.

Group D: **Anti-Pentecostal:** This group differs from the other groups in that they are totally against Pentecost. Some in the group go as far as declaring that it is of the devil for today.

1. The only fact they are willing to concede concerning Pentecost, is that it was God's manner of sending the Spirit originally to _____.
2. I have heard it said that there is absolutely _____ in the (glossolalia) speaking in tongues for today's Christian.
3. The group would be much happier if God would have chosen another way to send the Spirit or if He would have _____ the subject from their Bible altogether.

In the Christian church at large, much of what is taught concerning Pentecost is hardly recognizable as _____. Thus, we have the purpose and premise for this book and seminar isolated.

1. I understood from God's visitation in my life that Pentecost is God's idea and that it is genuinely on His heart to restore its _____ back to the church.
2. Pentecost (Baptism with the Spirit) is one of God's ultimate dreams for believers.
3. It has immediate and distant implications for fulfilling the believer's calling and for the ability to _____ to His transformational process.
4. Additionally, I understood that God is patient, but His _____ will run its course; "His Spirit will not always strive with humanity" (Gen. 6:3).
5. He will not always abide with the abuse and confusion that prevents His believers from receiving His _____.

6. He impressed me three times that He intends on establishing a _____ on hungry people groups throughout the nations.
7. The outpouring will showcase His power (but not so much to impress you). The purpose will be to persuade people _____ that Jesus is the Christ.
8. In the last days, Pentecost will be available to every group but many will be passed over due to biases that _____ from receiving.
9. Part of my assignment is to provide Bible answers to those biases _____ and _____ of my ranks.
10. The Lord impressed upon me that He will prophetically pour out His Spirit and give the world a dose of mature Pentecost before the second coming of Christ.
11. I heard that the coming outpouring will _____ the glory and volume of outpouring that the world have seen to date.
12. Before Christ comes, God's passion for humanity will once again _____ and a large part of it will be through Pentecost.
13. Pentecost will become the strength that transforms redeemed mankind into Holy Spirit _____ for reaching the lost: That is its purpose.
14. God will use Pentecost to write a suitable conclusion to the Book of Acts using _____.

Purpose Of This Seminar

1. Expose the _____ of Pentecost as found in the Feasts of Israel.
2. Allow the foundation itself to expose some of the _____ associated with Pentecost.
3. The primary purpose of the Baptism with the Spirit will be revealed from Old and New Testaments.
4. Pentecost is much more than a " _____."
5. Examine key objections commonly associated with Pentecost and provide _____.
6. At the end of the seminar, we will pray for people to receive the Holy Spirit baptism so they can mature in Christ and receive an anointing for the ministry each one is called to.

"We will show that the work of the church is to become God's _____.
The work of Pentecost is the Holy Spirit giving gifts to His people to _____!"

Reading Assignment: At the beginning of the book, read the 3 1/2 pages of the Intro-Premise. It will give you a sense of God's heart and purpose for studying this subject.

Pentecost Factor, Personal Assessment

Background:

1. When you consider the four views of Pentecost as taught in this lesson, which category best describes your background? Circle the best answer.
 - A. Genuine Pentecostal
 - B. Discretionary Tolerance
 - C. Conversion Baptized
 - D. Anti-Pentecostal
2. Write a sentence below that explains why you find yourself in the group you selected?
3. Were you raised in a Christian home, church or attend Sunday School?
4. If you remember, what kind of church was it?
5. To my knowledge, my parents were believers: ___ yes. ___ no
6. Are you born again? At what age did you come to Christ? _____ .
7. Have you received teaching on the baptism with the Holy Spirit or the Gifts? ___yes. ___ no.
8. Have you been baptized in water? ___yes. ___no,
9. Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit and do you speak with tongues as the Spirit gives utterance? ___yes. ___ no
10. If not, what might be the main issue that you struggle with? I am not sure.
11. What do you hope to gain from this seminar? Circle each answer that is true for you:
 - I want to obtain teaching on the subject.
 - I am seeking to understand the biblical purpose and function of the Holy Spirit in my life.
 - There are objections that I have which must be resolved.
 - My hope is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
 - For my ministry, I would like to learn how to pray for others to receive.
 - There are other gifts of the Spirit that I would like to receive too.
 - God is renewing me to the benefits of the Holy Spirit so I can serve with greater anointing.
12. Your name: _____ . (Not required). _____ date.

PLEASE HAND THIS ASSESSMENT TO YOUR TEACHER, or email to: _____

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Pentecost Foundations Discovered

A Strategy for Discovery

This session is designed for people who live in the fast lane. They want to discover the biblical foundation of Pentecost for personal growth because the subject is important. But they do not have the time for the research. When the Lord made this assignment, I did not know the foundation of Pentecost nor how vital it was for Christian confidence. I started writing only with hope that God would reveal it in the process. I will share the strategy that God gave so I could make the discovery. You can use a similar strategy on other subjects the Lord prompts you to study. A practical pathway must be created that will lead us to the goal of our research, if God wills. The pathway I used was as follows:

1. Find the _____ of Pentecost in the scriptures.
2. If possible, determine what the original hearers understood when they heard the term.
3. By examining the findings around the “first mention” of Pentecost, see if any trend or key instruction is exposed. If there is a foundation in that context, God’s _____ will reveal it.
4. Finally, study the foundational truths to understand how they might affect Pentecost for today.

The First Discovery

1. In my encounter with God, He told me to begin my study by finding Pentecost using the Law of First Mention.
2. To my shock and immediate panic, I discovered that the term “Pentecost” was not found in the Old Testament scriptures as I thought: It was found in _____.
3. In about 3 minutes, the Holy Spirit reminded me of His original instructions: “Begin with a study of the feasts of Israel, there you will find the answers you need.”
4. God established in scripture that there are _____ on the Israeli calendar.
5. After several hours of research, I discovered the reason Pentecost was not found in the O.T.
6. The writers used its _____ of (50 days) instead, along with 3 other synonyms for Pentecost.
7. All terms are interchangeable: _____-Pentecost-_____.
8. The first mention of Pentecost/Harvest/Weeks is found in The Old Testament; _____.

The Biblical Foundation of Pentecost

The feast of:	Its length	Israel’s Calendar	Our Calendar
1. Passover	1 day	14 th of Nisan	Mar/April
2. Unleavened bread	7 days	15 th to 21 st “	Mar/April
3. First fruits	Last day of Unleavened bread = First fruits		Mar/April
4. Harvest/Weeks/Pentecost	50 days after Resurrection		May/June
5. Trumpets	1 day	1 st of Tishri	Sept/Oct
6. Atonement	1 day	10 th of “	Sept/Oct
7. Tabernacles	7 days of rest	15 th to 22 nd	Sept/Oct

50 days

*The foundation of Pentecost is found in God’s dating of the feasts: “It is the only Feast separated by God’s instruction!” It is an experience separate from Salvation and its purpose is to receive gifts of the Spirit to bring in the Harvest!

* Diagram taken from The Pentecost Factor page 139.

This scripture dated illustration reveals how God distinctively _____ from all other feasts and distanced it from Passover by 50 days.

1. It was written in the O.T. over 3000 years ago (more than 1000 years B.C., before the church was born), God established the order: Salvation first and _____.
2. The dated sequence exposes the foundation of Pentecost for all Christianity and denominations to examine.
3. In the same way that God designed the founding principles of Pentecost in the O.T., He expects N.T. church doctrine _____: Consider Matt. 13:52.

What is it that God wants everyone to embrace?

1. Passover is synonymous with _____ and is connected to the Feast of First Fruits.
2. Jesus is the first fruit of suffering, death and resurrection.
3. The portion of the Holy Spirit you receive for Salvation is to erase your sinful past and to make you into a _____ in Christ.
4. At Pentecost, you receive another portion of the Holy Spirit to become a _____ in His harvest.
5. There is one anointing for salvation and another comes with the _____.
6. God did not want the two functions running together in the founding doctrine.
7. During Salvation, He wants our full attention on total repentance, cleansing and new life.
8. In the Baptism with the Spirit, He wants our full attention on getting prepared for the harvest and receiving gifts to _____.
9. With God, there is always _____ of His Holy Spirit that He can give.
10. Only Jesus received the Holy Spirit without measure (Jn. 3:31-35).

Joel the prophet said, "And it shall come to pass Afterward that I will pour out of my Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days" (Joel 2:28-29).

1. According to that verse, what are the 3 prophetic purposes of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
2. "After what" and "when are those days"? After the _____ was given to Christ: See Acts 2:17-18.
3. As it happened by God's design, 40 days after Christ's resurrection and 10 days after the Ascension was the Day of Pentecost. It was _____ after the resurrection.

Notes

God knew that in the last days, some Christian groups, denominations and churches would eventually say, "We received all the Holy Spirit we need when we were saved."

1. Then why does the foundation of Pentecost show that God intended from the beginning that salvation and Pentecost was to be kept and experienced at _____?
2. Jesus said, "You must be born again." He also said to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Father, (Luke 24:49).
3. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the _____: It is His promise, His gift offering to you, His empowerment, His wisdom and His outpouring to oversee.
4. John the Baptist said that "Jesus is the Baptizer and that He will baptize you with the _____ (Matt. 3:12).
5. Here is a provoking thought for you: If you trust Jesus with your eternal life, why would you not _____ to baptize you in the Holy Spirit and with fire during this life?

"The work of the church is to become God's harvesting instrument. The work of Pentecost (Baptism with the Holy Spirit) is to receive gifts to make the harvest happen."

Discussion Questions:

What do you suppose the original hearers understood when they heard the term "Feast of Harvest?"

Conclusion Notes: **They knew that the season had changed. Plowing, planting and watering were over. What they have worked for all year long was finally here.**

What impact do you think it make on the original hearers when they heard the Feast of Harvest called "The Feast of Weeks?"

Conclusion Notes:

1. They knew that an extended period of time was required to bring in the harvest.

2. Common sense told them; Harvest is never brought in the day it begins.

What are the prophetic conclusions of calling The Feast of Pentecost, The Feast of Harvest, or The Feast of Weeks?

a. Pentecost has fully come(Acts2:1).

b. We have received power gifts from the Spirit. We are a special harvest tool to bring it in.

c. The Spirit is onboard to help the church to bring in the lost souls:

7 Advantages of Knowing About the Foundation of Pentecost;

You know God separated you for. . .

- 1. Receiving another portion of the HS and it is biblical. (It totally corrects "conversion Baptized doctrine)**
- 2. A supernatural work beyond your salvation. (Acts 1:8)**
- 3. A demonstration of grace to help others get to heaven. (Baptism w/ Spirit, not for your sal. But for others)**
- 4. Anointing that only comes through surrender of self to the HS. (Remember the "sign board" story?)**
- 5. Experiencing a unique trust in Christ as your baptizer. (You knew Him as Savior, Provider, now as Baptizer)**
- 6. Being a co-worker together with Christ. (This baptism helps you to do what Jesus did)**
- 7. A prophetic fulfillment of the Promise of the Father. (The Father's dream: Pattern your min. after Christ)**

* Reading assignment for next week. The Pentecost Factor: Pages 121-133

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A Lost Focus

When God assigned this writing project, He was very adamant about beginning with the Feast of Israel. Once I had discovered the foundation for Pentecost, I assumed I was finished with the Feasts. That was not the case. I was prompted to continue because God was saying the people have lost focus with His outpouring of the Spirit.

1. Most of contemporary Christianity views the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the NT as a one-time event.
2. There is a prophetic factoid that has been overlooked _____ by most: "The Lost Focus".
3. Pentecost is not only the birthday of the church, it is the _____.
4. Not comprehending this truth is part of the reason believers find it easy to _____ and need for the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
5. If the one-time event already happened historically, why pursue it as an _____?
6. By discovering that the Feast of Pentecost was replaced in the OT with its synonym "Feast of Harvest" and "Feast of Weeks", we can clearly see that God is correcting the _____.
7. THE CHURCH AGE is technically the "_____."

By the Bible interchanging the Feast of Pentecost with Weeks/Harvest, it again becomes clear that the outpouring initiates a new season.

1. Weeks indicate a _____ and harvest declares _____.
2. God is saying, "while the church is here, _____"
3. Even common sense informs us that harvest fields are never reaped in a day.
4. There is a _____ dedicated to the harvest process.
5. Spiritual Harvest is the refocusing of our attention from salvation of self to salvation _____.
6. Of course, Jesus died to save you and me, but He also died to save everyone who is lost.
7. Pentecost or harvest is not a day in length, _____.
8. Pentecost is present and ongoing as long as the _____.
9. Since the church was born in Pentecost, it stands to reason that it is _____.
10. A person born in America or Russia are natives of that country for life.
11. God is restoring this truth in the last days: All Christian churches were _____ to be Pentecostal.
12. True origins are _____.

I asked the Lord to help me find documentation that this theological view of the church age is well established and settled in scripture to affirm my discovery. Listen to Jack Hayford and his full team of Bible editors on the subject:

1. "The OT expectation about the coming of the Spirit and the beginning of a new era is at last _____."
2. The _____ is the age of Pentecost."
3. But why start a new age of outpouring, you ask?
4. Please indulge the editors of the Spirit Filled Life Bible to answer that question:
5. "The book of Acts is the story of the disciples receiving what Jesus received in order to do _____."

*Hayford, Jack, *Spirit-Filled Life Bible*. General Editor New King James Version. Thomas Nelson Inc. 1991. Pp 1381.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is primarily to give believers _____ (gifts of the Spirit) to bring in the harvest.

1. The Father's story is that He has enabled us with increased anointing to witness and gather in souls.
2. God said through the prophet Isaiah, "I will make you into a new _____ having sharp teeth. You shall thresh the mountains and beat them small and make them like chaff. You shall winnow them, . . . You shall rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 41:15-16).
3. The prophet is certainly speaking of a coming _____ not just a single day.

Notice how the baptism with the Holy Spirit changed Peter overnight.

1. It changed how he saw the scripture; it was a fresh revelation.
2. He became instructional, bold, confrontational and _____.
3. There was a supernatural anointing to _____.
4. From his first sermon after the outpouring 3000 souls responded and 4000 the next time.
5. The harvest is so gigantic that man cannot bring it in _____.
6. The revival continued with power: "and believers were increasingly added unto the Lord, multitudes of both men and women" (Acts 5:14).
7. Great and mighty signs and miracles were brought among the people.
8. It continued until in very short order – _____ under the mighty impact of the Holy Spirit through anointed ministries.
9. "Truly the day of Pentecost was a great day, but the day is not yet finished. That was but the _____. We have yet to witness the noon day splendor of the Feast of Pentecost."

*George H. Warnock, *The Feast of Tabernacles*, The Church In Action, Springfield, MO 1951, Pp 27.

The Timeline of Outpouring Found In the Book of Acts

Day of Pentecost	Another Outpouring	Cornelius' house outpouring	Same as at the first	Filled with the Spirit	Did you receive the Spirit since you believed?	More than John's Baptism
2:4 AD 33	4:31 AD 35-36?	10:44 AD 43	11:15 AD 46	13:52 AD 49-51	18:24-26 AD 55-57	19:1-7 AD 59-60

*27-30 years of Bible recorded outpouring gleaned from the account of Paul's missionary journeys.

* Diagram from page 201 in The Pentecost factor.

1. The above references reveal _____ of outpouring after the initial day of Pentecost.
2. Pentecost was not a _____.
3. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is the same outpouring still happening/after 2000 years.
4. The reason the outpouring has never ended, the _____!
"For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many [generations] as the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39). Brackets are mine.
5. The idea of the whole book of Acts is to establish that the outpouring is meant for _____.
6. For the person reading this, you are as " _____ " from the original outpouring as any person has ever been.
7. You _____ to receive what God intended for every Christian to be baptized with.
8. Many churchmen may have lost focus that the Church is the age of Pentecost, but now you know exactly _____.
9. The purpose for the baptism outpouring is to give you gifts of the Spirit to _____.

"Pentecost Factor #33: Brother Luke, the Author of Acts, enabled us to follow the life and ministry of Paul purposely to show us that he used all the gifts of the Spirit. The lesson is that he had _____ miracles, people healed, prophecies, wonderful fulfillments, divine guidance, signs, and wonders recorded than anyone else."

Discussion:

1. How important is it for the church to regain "The Lost Focus?"

Notes: _____
_____.

2. Since the whole church was born in Pentecost, propose your idea of why the majority of today's church has elected to leave it behind:

Notes: _____

3. How does the knowledge of 3 recorded decades of outpouring affect you?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

What is the “Lost Focus?”

- 1. Pentecost is not a one-time event, it is the OPENING OF AN AGE.
- 2. It was God’s intention that His whole church would be Pentecostal.
- 3. The outpouring is a baptism to be experienced by every Christian of every generation.
- 4. It is the believer’s personal responsibility to seek the Lord and ask for His gifts.
- 5. The Spirit baptized life must become a lifestyle for every Christian.
- 6. Will you knowingly disregard God’s focus by pushing back on His grace gifts that come with this baptism?
- 7. Or will you accept this Baptism as God’s design to increase the anointing for your life?

Pray this prayer with me: “Precious Lord, today I was presented with biblical evidence that I have not encountered before. I confess that the outpouring is still on going. Therefore, I ask You to prepare my heart to receive this Baptism. You are so good and faithful, that I am now comfortable in saying to You: “Lord Jesus, whatever comes from you, I want it!” Build my faith by your wonderful grace. Start now, teaching me to surrender self to the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name I pray, Amen!”

Reading Assignments:

- 1. **The Purposes and Functions for The Feast of Trumpets: Page 144-148**
- 2. **Scenario of Increasing Glory. Pp 152-154.**

This short read has prophetic value that will bless you for life. You owe it to your spirit to read it!

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Secrets Learned From Trumpets

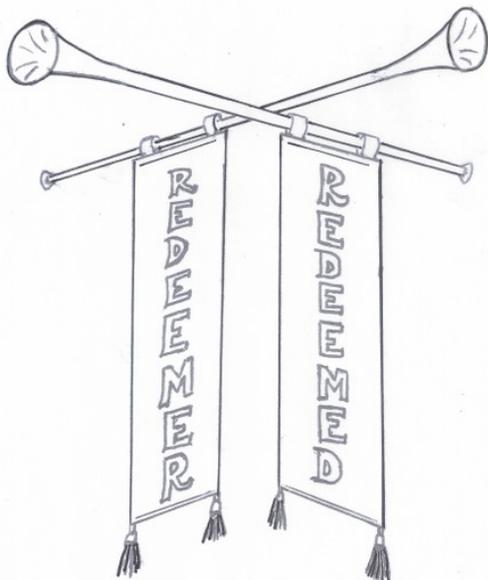
The two silver trumpets serve a prophetic function in Israel. These functions are included in the baptism with the Holy Spirit in a spiritual and figurative form. Let's begin our inspirational journey by reading Numbers 10:1-10:

There are two identical trumpets made of pure _____.

1. When silver is mentioned in the Bible, it nearly always speaks of _____.
2. Jesus is the Redeemer who was beaten (whipped) for our healing benefit.
3. One of the supernatural gifts of the Spirit is healing.
4. It is provided by our _____ and _____.

Why does God insist on there being two identical trumpets?

1. When blown together, it produces a sound of _____ and it is _____.
2. As the Spirit baptized believer surrenders to pray in the Spirit, the Redeemer is helping him/her to identify with Him in _____.
3. When the two trumpets are blown simultaneously, it produces a prophetic picture of the Redeemer and the believer _____ in perfect unison as one.
4. For spiritual clarity, I named the silver trumpets the "Redeemer" and the "Redeemed" and I provide you with a sketch of them.



5. The intended prophetic function for the baptism with the Spirit is to assist in _____ with the Redeemer.
6. When we are in total agreement with the Father, we love and honor His Son and we better _____.
7. Believers receive special anointing from the Redeemer so we can conduct ourselves _____ while on earth.
8. When the trumpets are blown together it signifies that believers are one in _____, purpose and _____ with the Lord.
9. The Redeemed and the Redeemer both have a testimony of _____.
10. They are so much alike that they cannot be _____ (John 17:11).

The function of the 2 silver trumpets serve at least four purposes in Israel: First, when they are sounding together it calls the congregation _____ (Nu. 10:1-2).

1. The baptism with the Spirit is the call of God to participate in a form of _____ by surrendering the tongue to assemble with the Redeemer.
2. The believer's needs are so great that the Redeemer desires _____ and intimate communications possible.

Secondly, the trumpets declare a call to break camp and move (10:3-6).

1. The glory cloud has lifted, and the Spirit baptized perceives that a _____ of the Holy Spirit is immanent.
2. It is not a time for argument or hesitation, it is time to comply.
3. The Spirit baptized must personally learn the trumpet signals (_____).
4. The Redeemer is saying, "The Redeemed cannot stay in one place too long or it will become a _____."
5. Every believer's journey must include an occasional change, renewed vision and _____.
6. He who hears and obeys this call will edify and strengthen himself.
7. He who speaks in tongues edifies and strengthens himself (1 Cor. 14:4).

The third function of trumpet blowing warns people to _____.

1. The Spirit baptized believer is uniquely equipped to discern when an enemy is near (one gift is the discerning of spirits).
2. The non-baptized believer is usually less prepared for _____.
3. The trumpet indicates that we should _____ and not forget our armor.
4. When the NT believer prays in the Spirit, it does not take long to realize that _____ serve in like manner.
5. The Redeemer wants the Redeemed to know that He will be with them in battle.
6. Those who hear this trumpet are assured of complete victory _____ takes place (read vs-9).
7. The Spirit baptized believer should more readily know that the battle is the Lords, but the _____.

The fourth trumpet announces that another feast is coming (10:10).

1. In today's language, the fourth trumpet calls the OT believer to fasting and prayer.
2. It could accurately be said, "Prepare yourself for a _____"
3. The Book of Joel is the sound of a prophetic trumpet from beginning to end.

4. When the trumpet is blown in Zion, it is a call to unity, faith, prayer and fasting to the _____.
5. Before war, there must be a purging of carnalities to hear God's voice. We need to be _____.
6. _____ is our pathway to being more like Christ.
7. From Jn. 16:8 we learn that _____ and repentance from it is our best friend.
8. The Bible calls this process sanctification.
9. The church needs to hear these two silver trumpets in our day.
10. Repentance, prayer and fasting is the only pathway to _____.
11. Make no mistake about it, Our Redeemer still calls us to prayer.

There are some final secrets to be learned from the silver trumpets.

1. The trumpets are similar to the Holy Spirit in that they call believers to _____ Christ.
2. The trumpets were used by God to disciple OT believers like the Spirit is used to disciple us (of course the Spirit is _____).
3. He who heard the trumpets had to learn the signals of what was being sounded.
4. The Old Testament function of the silver trumpets calling the redeemed to gather, is a prophetic picture of _____ calling Christians to gather at the second coming of Christ (Matt. 24:31).
5. Believers today will have to learn to live in a state of readiness to meet Christ in order to _____ what the last trumpet sound means.
6. He who is baptized with the Spirit is also learning to hear the _____ more accurately.
7. With additional grace from this experience, the Spirit baptized will hear His voice and will be prompted to live in _____ for all eternity.

Questions for Discussion.

1. What is the most meaningful discovery that you made from this lesson?

Notes: _____

2. Describe what a Christian in perfect unison with Christ is like.

Notes: _____

3. Why do so many Christians choose worship over prayer?

Notes: _____

Recommended Reading: The Pentecost Factor Pp 154-202

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The Purpose for the Outpouring

To expose the purpose for the baptism with the Spirit in the clearest possible form, we will refer directly to the scripture and not to The Pentecost Factor book. Potentially someone will be taking the seminar who does not have access to the book. Read from the prophet Joel 2:28-29. Everything Jesus did was on a measured schedule of days to fulfill prophecy:

1. Forty days after the _____ of Christ was the ascension.
2. Ten days after the _____ was the Israeli Feast of Pentecost/Harvest/Weeks.
3. Forty plus ten equals _____ (definition of Pentecost) to the Outpouring in Acts 2:4.
4. Salvation was provided for the world but how would the world learn about Christ and how could they be _____ once they heard it?
5. The Father knew that His Son's work needed a supernatural boost to confirm His Christ and help the world believe.
6. God's solution was to provide an outpouring of His Holy Spirit on all flesh that would continue on the earth so long as the _____.
7. Our Lord would cause men and women everywhere to prophesy.
8. It was God's decision to place the testimony of Jesus in each _____ (Read Rev. 19:10).
9. By speaking the testimony of Jesus in some form, the Spirit would bear witness of Christ (_____) assisting them to have confidence in the message of the Son of God.
10. The outpouring caused three amazing things to happen for those who were baptized with the Spirit, they would _____, see _____ and _____.
11. God found a way to communicate revelations of His Christ to people _____.
12. The message of Christ is the message of importance in all the earth and the Father chose to accompany it with supernatural means to assist people in _____.
13. Believers through the ages would increasingly need affirmation, comfort, witness and courage which the _____ alone can provide.

Jesus' last words on earth to His disciples took place on the seashore of Galilee where He ascended to heaven. His last moment instructions were to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).

1. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, they would be spiritually clothed with His power gifts: _____, word of knowledge, faith, _____, working of miracles, _____, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, and Interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:8-19).
2. The grace gifts of the Spirit enable every believer to _____ as an anointed witness.
3. A unique _____ supernaturally transforms us into bold proclaimers of the message.

4. Each baptized believer has direct access to _____ at any time to demonstrate that Jesus is the Christ.
5. When the gifts function, signs and wonders follow them that believe from every location on earth (Read Mark 16:15-18).
6. Since the message of Christ constantly needs _____, the outpouring phenomenon of the Spirit will continue to the end of the harvest age.

By observing Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit, we can discover fresh prophetic pictures of what we might expect at our Spirit baptism.

1. Jesus chose to be baptized with the Holy Spirit: You also have _____.
2. When Jesus was conversing with John the Baptist, He made a statement that should motivate every believer: " _____ for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15).
3. If it was fitting for Jesus to be baptized with the Spirit, how much more is _____?
4. Take note of what happened at Jesus' Holy Spirit baptism, we can expect some measure of the same: a) The _____ to Him. b) He saw the Spirit alighting on Him. c) Suddenly a voice came from heaven: "This is My Son" The Father _____. d) He was strengthened (see context of Matt. 4).
5. Jesus knew His disciples needed help so He _____ of the scriptures (Read Lk 24:45).
6. The baptism with the Spirit is the promise of the Father (Lk 24:49).
7. It is both Christ and the Father's will for every believer to be _____ from on High (Acts 1:8 and Lk 24:49).

As scripture clearly establishes, the baptism with the Holy Spirit is the process where God is giving grace gifts to believers. Therefore, let's consider the value of the gifts from His point of view if possible.

1. All gifts are _____ by the believer but especially that they might prophesy (1 Cor.14:1).
2. When the gifts are used publicly, the aim is to produce revelation that scripture can verify, knowledge of God, and _____ that issues from the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 14:6).
3. The key motivation for using spiritual gifts is so the church will _____ of Jesus (1 Cor. 14:12).

Let's clearly extract from the Bible what it says the value of speaking in tongues is all about.

1. He who speaks in tongues speaks directly to God, their prayer instantly passes the test and is _____ (1 Cor. 14:1).
2. He who speaks in tongues privately, speaks mysteries that God will consider _____ at some point in their life (1 Cor.14:2).
3. He who speaks in tongues edifies himself so that he is supernaturally enabled to hear _____ and then move by faith (1 Cor. 14:4).
4. No tongue is without significance because every ethnicity has a part in redemption, yet it has pleased God to place an _____ on our tongue for intercession (1 Cor. 14:10, Romans 8: 26-27).
5. He who prays in tongues surrenders the _____ of his body (the tongue) to be tamed by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 14:14 and James 3:5-12).
6. When the tongue is tamed by the Spirit it drastically _____ of your intercession (Remember Romans 8: 26-27).
7. Praying in the Spirit is God's way of removing _____ and _____ from our tongue (James 3:8).
8. The greatest advantage in praying and singing with the Spirit is that your heart and language has been instantly searched by the Spirit and _____ (Rom. 8:26-27).
9. That pure condition is why you are carried quickly before the throne of God and possess the ability to pray _____ (vs-27).
10. He who speaks in tongues gives thanks very well because old carnal patterns and _____ thus giving us more confidence (1 Cor. 14:17).
11. When praying in the Spirit or with groanings, our weaknesses are _____ enabling us to pray as we should (Rom. 8:26-27).
12. Finally, I am empowered to pray for _____ without limitations while praying in the Spirit.
13. My intercession is _____ because God is looking for a way to turn everything in my life for good (Rom. 8:28).
14. He who speaks with stammering lips and another tongue receives a _____ and a refreshing (Isa. 28:11-12).

Let us briefly consider the value of prophecy over tongues.

1. Prophecy is so important to the Father because every believer can have a _____
_____ in enhancing the testimony of His Son (Rev. 19:10).
2. Tongues speaks unto God and is primarily a prayer for self and individual worship, but
prophecy addresses people and it is for the _____ (1 Cor. 14:3-4).
3. The reason prophecy is greater than tongues, it causes spiritual edification to _____
_____.

“The work of the church is to disciple the saints. The work of the Spirit is to cause them to excel in the faith of Christ!”

Discussion topics:

1. Dig a little deeper and try telling why God wants so many people to prophesy.
2. Elaborate on the problem found in the early church about getting the masses to believe in Jesus Christ.
3. Has the problem diminished or increased in our day? Be prepared to explain your view.

Assigned reading: Pentecost Factor: Objections Associated with Pentecost. Pp 213-252

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Objections People Use

In this session we will not deal with each objection listed in the book, only the most common ones. All others can be read privately. The purpose of this session is to briefly attempt to supply the best Bible answers to potential trouble spots. Jesus wants everyone to have the truth so they can believe and receive this anointing.

Objection # 2: I already received the Holy Spirit when I was born again. Why do I need another portion of the Holy Spirit?

1. The clearest Bible answer to the question is found in Eph. 1:13-14: **READ NOW!**
2. At salvation, the believer is sealed with the Holy Spirit _____ which promises a greater dimension of power to follow.
3. At the baptism with the Spirit, the believer receives the promise of the Father, which is the additional _____ that is guaranteed.
4. In God there is always another portion of power with which you can be clothed (Acts 1:8).

Objection #3: I can live the Christian life without being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

1. _____ concerning His disciples; He said, "Go to Jerusalem and wait until you are endued with power from on high" (Lk. 24:49).
2. Jesus' actions taught us, do not dare move out _____ without being baptized with the Holy Spirit.
3. The fact is, you can live the Christian life and make it to heaven without the baptism with the Spirit.
4. However, you are still not _____.
5. You are still resisting Jesus' command: " _____ and be _____ from on high" (Lk. 24:49, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:38-39, Acts 11:15, Acts 18:24-28).
6. God's wisdom speaks like this; you cannot completely fulfill _____ without the special portion of grace and power that comes through Spirit baptism.

Objection # 14: If I open myself to something I cannot control, I may receive something from the devil.

1. In the goodness of God, Jesus fully accounted for this situation (Lk. 11:9-13).
2. Jesus is saying, "Ask Me," and I will be the _____.
3. There is no safer answer in the whole Bible than that statement.
4. He carries this issue to a level of perfect safety to prove His trustworthiness.

5. If a son asks a father for bread, will he be given a stone? ___ yes ___ no
6. If the son asks for fish will he be given a serpent instead? ___ yes ___ no
7. If an egg is asked for, will that father give him a scorpion? ___ yes ___ no
8. There will be _____ (This was my boyhood theology)!
9. No harmful _____ will be permitted to come near and bite you.
10. "How much more will your heavenly Father give _____ to those who ask Him!"
11. In the believers' life, when you ask for something holy, you only receive good, _____.
12. When asking Jesus for a gift of the Spirit or a new language (tongues), there is _____ for you to receive it.

Objection # 15: I do not have faith for Pentecost.

1. I understand the logic of this question, I struggled with the same thoughts for years.
2. But the technical answer may be _____.
3. In reality, you did not have enough faith for salvation either.
4. To that, what does the scriptures say? Read Eph. 2:8-9.
5. The faith for salvation did not come from you, it came from _____.
6. I agree! You do not have _____ to be baptized with the Holy Spirit either.
7. Since Jesus is the baptizer, when you ask for the Holy Spirit gifts, He provides _____ (the moment you ask).
8. There is no _____ of how strong your faith is.

Objection # 19: Since I already gave my heart to Christ, why does He want me to surrender my tongue?

1. One of the most important lessons to learn in the Christian life is the _____.
2. There is _____ in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21).
3. When God created the world, He used His tongue. He spoke the world into existence.
4. We were made in His likeness and created in His image; we use _____.
5. We have not the power to create worlds but we do have power to create _____ and _____ conditions and atmospheres that influence our lives.
6. We can agree with His promises and speak blessings and prophesy into lives.
7. We can disagree with His promises and _____ on ourselves and others.
8. The tongue was also used to repent and receive salvation (Rom. 10:9-10).
9. The biggest problem is that our tongue can be used for _____ and _____, this should not be (James 3:5-12).
10. The tongue is a _____ in our body and it must be tamed.
11. Man does not have the ability to tame his tongue, only God can do it.

12. The Christian's heart belongs to God but if He does not control your tongue, He still does not _____.
13. Being baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues is proof that your tongue is finally tamed and _____.
14. At last, God has all of you when the tongue is surrendered!

Objection # 20: Since God gave Pentecost to the early church, they obviously needed it more than we do today.

1. It is historically accurate that God gave Pentecost to the early church, but nowhere does it say that it was only for the early church. It is a _____.
2. God gave Pentecost to the _____ and it remains until Jesus returns.
3. How does Peter answer this question? “. . . Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar of, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38-39).
4. If we have one Lord, one faith and one baptism, then the baptism with the Holy Spirit was certainly intended for us today just as _____ (Eph. 4:5-6).
5. Was the baptism with the Holy Spirit only for a few (like the 12 disciples)? yes _____ No _____
6. There were 120 people in the upper room who received.
7. Was this baptism only for Jews? No, consider the gentiles at _____ and the 19 gentile ethnics that God was speaking to on the day of outpouring (Acts 2:5, Acts 10:24-48).
8. “The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is our greatest _____ for reaching the world for Jesus” (Bishop Gary Bryant, Director of Evangelism USA).

NOTE TO TEACHER: Objection #4 is so important that it is only included in the Teacher's Edition. You can teach it from your own experience or use this discussion guide as a blueprint.

Objection # 4: In trying to receive this baptism, people often have false expectations.

- Discussion Topic: Enquire what the experience of the class is on this subject.
- Most people ask and wait for God to do everything.
- What is the official name of the Holy Spirit in the Greek text? (It is Paraclete, one who comes along side).
- What is the chief thing the Holy Spirit is wanting from us? (_____ and to _____).
- What does it say they did on the day of Pentecost? (And “they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance” Acts 2:4). Only when we speak is our tongue surrendered.

- In what way could we say that the baptism with the Spirit is a partnership? (We surrender and speak, He gives the utterance and makes sense of it. At the first word, the anointing and fire begins to come because He fulfills His part every time).
- For additional explanation read Pp 221-222 in the text book.

Discussion Topic:

1. In today's lesson, did you discover an objection that might target a personal struggle? Explain
2. What bible answer helped the most to bring you into freedom and surrender?
3. Is there an objection that was not covered in this study? Please identify it for the teacher.

Reading Assignment:

The Pentecost Factor: The Gift of Faith and Miracles as a last days Pentecost Factor. Please read the testimony of how important it is to God for all to speak. Pp 284-287

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Preparation and Prayer to Receive

The process of receiving the baptism with the Spirit varies from person to person just as the salvation experience is uniquely personal. The obvious reason for the variables are due to personalities, levels of faith and desire. Our Lord has completely accounted for our individualism as He baptizes us. After such a study, the Lord is checking on your heart.

1. Have you gladly received the word of God (Acts 2:41)? ___ yes ___ no ___ Why Not?
2. If you have gladly received, there will be an inner _____ and _____ to go forward.
3. Let's ask plainly; **"Do you desire to be baptized with the Holy Spirit _____?"**
4. When you were born again, grace came and caused you to believe that Jesus is the Christ.
5. You knew that when you asked Him to forgive you of sins, they were being erased as you spoke the prayer.
6. The same grace is _____ for this baptism.
7. The biblical name for this gift is "Charis-mata" meaning "_____"

Altar Call and Appeal To Be Baptized With The Holy Spirit:

Brothers and Sister in Christ, we have concluded our study of Pentecost. The teaching has provided us with God's purpose for the baptism with the Holy Spirit. God's word has instructed us thoroughly. Now it is time to pray and let God baptize us as He has been doing with others for 2000 years. We all come face to face with the big question: Are we going to accept it or deny it today? I have some provoking questions to ask you:

- Remember the two silver trumpets named the REDEEMER and the REDEEMED? Do you want the rest of your life to be found working with your Redeemer in Perfect Unison?
- Is there an inner DESIRE to be baptized with the Holy Spirit today? That would be the Holy Spirit drawing you just as He did when you were saved.
- Are you wanting to be made into a BOLD WITNESS FOR YOUR LORD?
- Will you trust the Holy Spirit to give you the GRACE-GIFTS THAT HE PROMISED?
- Is there something on the inside that says, "I NEED TO HAVE MY TONGUE TAMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT?"
- Can you say, "I desire to speak with tongues, prophecy, dream dreams and see visions?"

Let's make this place into an Altar where the Holy Spirit brings THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER TO YOU! Your pathway to receive is already provided. If you are alone, it will be to your advantage to follow these simple steps by _____. Read Lk 11:9-10). LET'S PRAY ALOUD NOW AND ASK:

1. ASK: Pray and ask God for the gifts of the Spirit that are supposed to come with this baptism.
For Example:

"Dear Lord Jesus, when I needed forgiveness I asked. You were faithful then and you are faithful still. I am asking to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire according to the prophetic promise of the Father. You said, "Whatever we ask the Father in your name, He will give it to us." Please give me the gifts of prophecy, seeing visions, dreaming dreams and speaking with tongues. Now I have asked plainly according to your revealed word. I have received your gifts immediately. Thank you for gifts of anointing. They have now been transferred to me. You did not make me into a beggar. I am a believer. I accept Your promises by faith. Thank you for this grace, Amen!"

2. ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE GIFTS.

- According to the promise, did you just receive the grace gift? What did you receive?
- Remember the promises: "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask" (Lk. 11:13).
- Please remember another promise; Jesus will not allow a substitute or a counterfeit to touch or influence you."

3. ACT NOW AND SURRENDER THE TONGUE.

- Jesus is the Baptizer and He now governs what happens next in your faith agreement and participation.
- While you were praying, He was supplying the grace for you to speak another language.
- The normal control of your tongue that you have known all your life, surrender it now to the Holy Spirit.
- In proof that you are surrendered, set aside your mother tongue.
- Release aloud to Jesus whatever sounds, syllables or groans that you want to express.
- My tongue is Yours now: I speak to you in a new way: **THANKSGIVING, MYSTERIES, INTERCESSION WITHOUT LIMITS ALL ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL.**

4. AFFIRMATION BY 7 TRUTHS:

- The more you speak, the greater the anointing.
- The fact is, the heavens are opened to you greater than before.
- You are able to know His inner voice with greater confidence.
- Everything you pray about in the Holy Spirit surrender mode will be according to His will.
- Now you have a strong reference point concerning what total surrender requires.
- Your tongue has been tamed by the Holy Spirit, you have been clothed in power to be a witness and enabled to bring in the harvest.
- You should place your tongue in the surrendered mode often (daily).

“God bless you dear friend for participating in this seminar. There are many other very practical revelations, questions answered and illustrational testimonies in the Pentecost Factor book. This seminar was an attempt to lift from the pages key things that you earnestly need. I hope your life and ministry changes like mine did and even more after I was baptized with the precious Holy Spirit. I hope to hear some good reports of your bold, miraculous and fruitful harvesting work.”

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