

Sermon Outlines for Pentecost Sunday

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Sermon # 1 – “The Upper Room is Empty”

- I. The Manger is Empty – (He is no longer a baby)
- II. The Cross is Empty – (He is no longer suffering)
- III. The Tomb is Empty – (He is no longer dead)
- IV. The Upper Room is Empty – (He is anointing, convicting, and adding to the Church)
- V. The Throne is NOT Empty – (He reigns from on high)

*Premise: As Pentecostals, we tend to emphasize the supernatural aspect of the phenomenon of the Holy Spirit’s arrival upon the followers of Christ in the Upper Room. However, Luke only uses four verses (Acts 2:1-4) to describe that experience, while most of the rest of the chapter is devoted to the working of the Holy Spirit *outside* the four walls of the Upper Room (2:5-41).

*Application: Because of the global pandemic, church buildings have been closed for weeks around the world. However, the Church has continued to thrive across the globe because the Holy Spirit cannot be confined to a room.

- * He that empowered Peter continues to embolden preachers today.
- * He that convicted 3,000 souls that day continues to deal with the lost in our generation.
- * He that added to the Church daily continues to multiply believers all over this planet.

Sermon # 2 – “Pentecost in Action”

- I. Acts 1 – Pentecost Promised (1:8-14)
- II. Acts 2 – Pentecost Proclaimed (2:14-41)
- III. Acts 3 – Pentecost Practiced (3:1-19)
- IV. Acts 4 – Pentecost Persecuted (4:1-31)

Sermon # 3 – “Guidelines for the Gifts”

{From 1 Corinthians}

1. Exalt the Savior (12:1-3)
2. Edify the Saints (14:12)
3. Echo the Scripture (14:29)

4. Exclude the Strife (14:33)
5. Evangelize the Sinners (14:24-25)

*These are the results when the gifts of the Holy Spirit are functioning as they should in a local church.

Sermon # 4 – “The Numbers of Pentecost”

- I. “50”
- II. “15”
- III. “120”
- IV. “3,000”

Explanation:

- I. 50 – What “Pentecost” means. (50th day after Passover) (7th Sunday after Easter)
- II. 15 - The number of nations listed in Acts 2:5-11 present to hear Peter preach.
- III. 120 - The approximate number of people in the Upper Room (Acts 1:15)
- IV. 3,000 - The number of baptized converts the first day (Acts 2:41)

Sermon # 5 – “The Drama of the Ages in Three Acts”

**Special Highlights: {The Anticipation of the Son, the Spirit, and the Second Coming}*

Act I - The Era of God the Father (From Genesis to Malachi)

Act II - The Era of God the Son (From the Incarnation to the Ascension)

Act III - The Era of God the Holy Spirit (From Pentecost to the Present)

**{The wonder of this drama is that in each act there is great anticipation for what is yet to come}*

In Act I there was a crescendo of anticipation for the coming of the Son.

In Act II there was a crescendo of anticipation for the coming of the Spirit.

In Act III there is a crescendo of anticipation for the Second Coming of Christ

Sermon # 6 – “Indwelt and Empowered by the Holy Spirit”

- The two most prominent human writers of the New Testament were Paul and Luke.
 - Both emphasized a distinct work of the Spirit in the life of the believer in Christ.
- I. Paul emphasized the wonderful truth that the Holy Spirit *indwells* every Christian!

“...if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”
(Romans 8:9)

It is impossible for a Christian not to have the Holy Spirit living in their heart.

(Romans 8:16; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13, 14)

Therefore, it is error to conclude:

“I got Jesus when I was saved, and then I received the Holy Spirit later.”

The fruit of the Holy Spirit begins to be produced in our hearts the moment we are saved.
(Galatians 5:22, 23)

- II. Luke wrote of another aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

He emphasized the wonderful truth that the Holy Spirit can *empower* every Christian for service and ministry.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8)

Every follower of Jesus may receive an outpouring of the Spirit upon them for the purpose of giving them boldness to more effectively witness for the Lord.

(Acts 2:39; Acts 4:31; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 9:15-17; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 19:1-6)

Therefore, every Christian may be both *indwelt* and *empowered* by the Holy Spirit.

Final Thoughts:

- (1) It is not an arrogant, prideful thing to be empowered by the Spirit. Such persons are not to presume that they are first class Christians, and all others are second class.
- (2) When you are filled with the Spirit according to the pattern in Acts, it does not mean that you have more power than those merely “indwelt” by the Spirit. It *does* mean that you now have more power than *you* did before receiving the experience.

Sermon # 7 – How Jesus Our Pattern Was Filled with the Holy Spirit

Text: (1 Peter 2:21) – “...*Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his steps.*”

(1 John 2:6) – “*Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.*”

- I. Jesus was born of the Spirit (Luke 1:35)
- II. Jesus grew in the Spirit (Luke 2:40, 52)
- III. Jesus was filled with the Spirit (Luke 3:22)
- IV. Jesus ministered in the Spirit (Acts 10:38)
- V. Jesus died with the Spirit (Hebrews 9:14)
- VI. Jesus was raised by the Spirit (Romans 8:11)
- VII. Jesus was taken up by the Spirit (Acts 1:2, 9, 11)

Jesus is the pattern for every one of us as believers

- I. We may be born of the Spirit (John 3:8)
- II. We may grow in the Spirit (Ephesians 4:15)
- III. We may be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)
- IV. We may minister in the Spirit (Acts 8:29; 13:2; 15:28)
- V. We may die with the Spirit (Acts 7:55-60)
- VI. We may be raised by the Spirit (Romans 8:11)
- VII. We may be taken up by the Spirit (Revelation 4:1-2)