

Acts: The Promise and Pentecost

The New Testament * Week 13 *

Opening Collect: 7th Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension, BCP 226

If you have questions from past weeks or your reading, email them to

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I. Good Friday, Easter, and Ascension are a continuum, and Pentecost is the logical next phase.

A. Jesus promised the Spirit

1. John 7:37-39 – “Living water”

2. John 14:11-18 – “counselor/advocate”

3. John 14:25-27—reminds us...

1. John 15:26 –testifies of Jesus. *Filioque* clause of the Nicene Creed.

2. John 15:26b – Spirit “proceeds from the Father.”

4. John 16:7-11 – Spirit convicts world:

a) of sin –

b) of righteousness –

c) of judgment –

5. John 16:12-15—truth and speaks of Jesus

B. Jesus gave the Spirit – John 20:19-23 –

C. Acts 1:4-5 -- “Baptize with Holy Spirit” = “immersed/dripping”

D. Acts 1:8 -- Jesus promised power SO WE WOULD BE WITNESSES

II. Pentecost = “50 days.” Festival of Weeks from Leviticus 23:15-21. (Deuteronomy 16:16-17).

A. Vs 1 -- Finally in agreement

B. Waited

C. Vs 2 -- Wind = spirit

D. Vs 3- counteraction of Babel. God separated us by language, Spirit brings us back together.

III. Peter's first sermon – Acts 2:14-40

- A. Prophets said:
- B. Jesus fulfills prophecy and Law.
- C. Jesus did miracles.
- D. Jesus died, and rose, and ascended.
- E. Will send Holy Spirit
- F. Do you believe?
- G. Baptized.
- H. 3,000 respond!

IV. Christian “communism:” Acts 2:42-47

- A. Vs 42 - Apostles' teaching, fellowship, bread, and prayer
- B. Vs 43 - Wonders and miracles
- C. Vs 44-45 - Shared and took care of one another
- D. Vs 46 - Met together daily for communion and praise
- E. Vs 47 - God added to their numbers daily.
- F. Often tried... See Acts 5&6

V. Pentecost is always a possibility!

Closing Prayer: “Heavenly Father, send your H.S.” BCP 107

Preparation for next week: Read 2 Corinthians