

PENTECOST SUNDAY

{Sunday, June 8, 2014 A.D.}

REFERENCE TEXT:

John 14:16-27 (NASB95)

¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is the Spirit of truth***, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.* .

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our abode with him.** ²⁴ "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.

²⁶ "But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.**

²⁷ "**Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.**

FOCUS TEXTS:

Acts 1:8 (NASB95)

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."**

Acts 1:21-26 (NASB95)

²¹ "Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—
²² **beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these *must become a witness with us of His resurrection.***" ²³ So they put forward two men, . . . ²⁶ And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and **he was added to the eleven apostles.**

Acts 2:1-12 (NASB95)

¹ **When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.**

⁵ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ "And **how is it that we each hear *them in our own language to which we were born?***" ⁹ "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—**we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.**"

¹² And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Acts 2:22-47 (NASB95)

²² "Men of Israel, listen to these words: **Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God** with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—²³ **this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. ²⁴ "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.**

³² "**This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.**" ³³ "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

³⁶ "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that **God has made Him both Lord and Christ —this Jesus whom you crucified."**

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, "**Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."** ⁴⁰ **And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, . . . ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.**

⁴² They were **continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ **praising God** and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 6:3-6 (NASB95)

Acts 6:7-15 (NASB95)

Acts 7:2-60 (NASB95)

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB95)

Acts 6:3-6 (NASB95)

³ "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, **full of the Spirit and of wisdom**, whom we may put in charge of this task. ⁴ "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose **Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit**, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. ⁶ And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

Acts 6:7-15 (NASB95)

⁷ **The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.**

⁸ **And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people.**

⁹ But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, *including* both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they were unable to cope with **the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking**.

¹¹ Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and *against* God." ¹² And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came up to him and dragged him away and brought him before the Council. ¹³ They put forward false witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this holy place and the Law; ¹⁴ for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us." ¹⁵ And fixing their gaze on him, **all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an angel.**

Acts 7:2-60 (NASB95)

² And he said, "Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father **Abraham** . . . and so *Abraham* became the father of **Isaac**, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac *became the father of* **Jacob**, and Jacob of the **twelve patriarchs**. . . **Joseph**. . . **Moses**. . . **Joshua**. . . **David**. . . **Solomon**. . .

⁵¹ "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. ⁵² "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? **They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;** ⁵³ **you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."**

⁵⁴ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ **But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;** ⁵⁶ and he said, "**Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.**"

⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. ⁵⁸ When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!**" ⁶⁰ **Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.**

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB95)

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,** ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**"

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