

“Which Flag Are You Waving?”

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Too many people today see themselves as victims of circumstances, people, or any number of things. Even many in the Body of Christ believe this of themselves.

Years ago the Lord gave The Sojourner the revelation that “you are not victims anymore.” He has been delivering this message to people ever since that time. The Lord is our strength and provider, we are not victims, but in a society that is rife with people who believe they are victims, so many pull down God’s banner of victory and raise up that white flag of surrender.

We must make the choice. We must decide to, in faith, stand upon the fact that God’s banner over us is love.^[a] Also remember:

¹⁹So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19 (NIV)

The Lord’s standard (or ban-



Notes:

[a] Song of Solomon 2:4

[b] 1 John 4:16

ner, or flag) is love. Scripture reminds us that God is love.^[b] Love is a very powerful banner.

So we as Believers have a choice. We can keep in step with those that Satan has deceived and stumble along life’s path under a white flag of surrender to fear, doubt, unbelief, and poverty, or we can walk diligently and confidently in faith under God’s powerful banner of love.

There may be chaos all around us, but as we walk under God’s banner of love we will experience God delivering us in miraculous ways. We, then, have even more reason and opportunity to go “wave our flag” of love high so people all around us can know about our God of love and that under his banner victims become victors.

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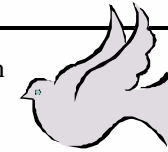
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Pentecost is celebrated in much of the Christian World on the Seventh Sunday after Passover. Pentecost is in fact the Birthday of the church, the Body of Christ. Pentecost is to the Believer in Jesus the Christ a very exciting and encouraging event! There is not time or space here to fully cover all the aspects of Pentecost but this time will serve as an appetizer to the things of Pentecost and the story of what occurred that day in Jerusalem, 33AD, which continues to shake the world.

The Day Of Pentecost

The scripture tells us in Acts 2:1-2:

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

The followers of Jesus were together waiting and praying in Jerusalem. The exact number is not known but many believe it is those listed in Acts 1:12-14 but this is speculation. The day was the first day of the week,

Sunday. The Day of Pentecost was already a Sabbath on the Jewish calendar before the event of the Believers being filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was also known as Feast of Weeks, Feast of Harvest, and Feast of First Fruits, all together.

Holy Spirit Power

The Day of Pentecost was the beginning of the harvest of the Savior, Jesus the Christ. Jesus was a First Fruit as the only begotten, not made, son of God.

It was on this day the Holy Spirit came to dwell in mankind with power... the power of Jesus Christ. The power of God, himself. The fellowship enjoyed by Adam and Eve in the Garden was restored. It was on this day many members became one body, the Body of Christ, himself! Those who had been commanded were all together in one place, in one accord, praying as one when the great event Christ had promised occurred. He had

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Pentecost

Called:
Feast of Weeks
Ex 34:22;
Deut 16:10
Feast of Harvest
Ex 23:16
Day of First Fruits
Num 28:26
Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1;
Acts 20:16; 1 Cor 16:8
Institution of
Ex 23:16;
Ex 34:22;
Lev 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31;
Deut 16:9-12; Deut 16:16
Holy Ghost given to the apostles on the first day of the week
Acts 2

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated^[a] and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[b] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near

Notes:

[a] diamerizō
dee-am-er-id'-zo
to partition thoroughly (literally in distribution, figuratively in dissension)—cloven, divide, part.

[b] glossa
gloce'-sah
Of uncertain affinity; the tongue; by implication a language (specifically one naturally unacquired)—tongue.

[c] gleukos
glyoo'-kos
sweet
wine, that is, (properly) must (fresh juice), but used of the more saccharine (and therefore highly inebriating) fermented wine: new wine.

Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."^[c]



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told them that he must go in order for the Holy Spirit to come to them.^(John 16:7) It was there in that place they both learned and knew they had not been left as orphans.^(John 14:18)

The Body Of Christ

The Body of Christ became welded together by power and with power on Pentecost. One of the evidences of this event was the result of cloven tongues found in Acts 2:3-4. Notice the tongues were as if they were completely split. This empowered those present to speak in different languages, unknown to them as well as a heavenly language known only to God.^(1 Corinthians 14:2)

The Body Filled

The Body of Jesus the Christ possesses more ability than any of the parts severally! Scripture tells us one can put 1,000 to flight and two can put 10,000. Just think what many in unison can accomplish. A divided body is limited but a whole body is invincible!^(Luke 11:17) It is important to remember a part is a part of something greater than itself. Believers are to be in and of the whole Body. Happy Birthday, Body of Christ!

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

