

Pentecost

We may never fully understand it all, but we must thoroughly consider what really happened on the day of Pentecost.

I) Pentecost was a Jewish religious festival.

- A) It had historical significance – *Leviticus 23:1-17*.
- B) The Law was given – *Exodus 32:15-18, 25*
- C) 3000 were killed - *Exodus 23:25*
- D) Its date was determined by counting.

II) Pentecost was a sovereign, gracious act of God.

- A) They were to wait in Jerusalem - *Acts 1:4-8*.
- B) Jews thought it was for them.
- C) Old Covenant to New Covenant
- D) They rushed to the Upper Room.
- E) Fulfillment of prophecy - *Joel 2:28-29*.
- F) Miracle in speaking and hearing.
- G) Birthday of the New Testament church.

III) It was the baptismal experience of the church.

- A) John the Baptist predicted - *Luke 3:16*.
- B) Significance of the wind.
- C) Tongues of fire vs. the burning bush - *Exodus 3:2*.
- D) Lord led them by fire - *Exodus 13:21*.
- E) Elijah and fire - *1 Kings 18:24*.
- F) Fire appears when Solomon dedicates the first temple - *2 Chronicles 7:1, 3*.
- G) Tongues of fire fell on all 120 disciples.
- H) The event at the tower of Babel was reversed.

IV) It emphasized gospel preaching through Jesus.

- A) Jesus: Son of God who fulfilled OT prophecy.
- B) Jesus: crucified for humanity's sin.
- C) Jesus: conquered death by the resurrection.
- D) Jesus: worthy of worship, adoration and trust.
- E) Jesus: with us through the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: What happened on Pentecost? More than we can understand. The immediate result of Pentecost was that the believers proclaimed the gospel to the world, all inclusive and all sufficient in Christ alone (*Acts 2:21*). We should seek to understand what happened on the day of Pentecost, respond to it, and let it become real in our hearts and lives