

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Series: Pentecost Sunday

Text: Acts 2:1 - 41

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation about the first recorded message (sermon) of the Church and the primary points made by the Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Introduction:

Review of last Sunday’s devotional:

Receiving Guidance Presumes Honesty

1. Being Honest About Ourselves Requires a Mirror, 1 Corinthians 13:12
2. Being Honest About Ourselves Requires Wisdom, James 3:13 - 18
3. Being Honest About Ourselves Requires Hearing, Mark 4:1 - 25

The Spring Feasts of Israel and Their Prophetic Significance:

PASSOVER (Nisan 14 – 15) coming out of Egyptian bondage – Jesus, our Passover, is crucified

UNLEAVEN BREAD (Nisan 15 – 22) leaven is generally a symbol of sin – repent and accept Jesus

FIRST FRUITS (Nisan 16 – 17) promise of a harvest – Jesus is resurrected and breathes on the disciples

PENTECOST (50th, Shavuot) Barley or first harvest – Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on believers

1. Pentecost, the Event:

Acts 2:1 - 21

~ Promised event:

Matthew 3:11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Cf. Mark 1:7

Acts 1:4 – 5, “And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

~ Peter explains the event:

Acts 2:16 and Joel 2:28 - 32

2. Peter’s Pentecost Message:

Acts 2:22 - 41

~ Acts 2:22 – 24, (23) “this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men,”

Personal illustration: Plymouth, tires and salvation

~ Acts 2:24, “God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.”

Romans 1:4, “and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,”

~ Acts 2:25 – 28 Peter reminds the people of the words of King David

~ Acts 2:29 – 35 Peter confidently elaborates on the prophetic ministry of King David

~ Acts 2:36, “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Jesus is not just the Lamb of God who died for me, Jesus is to be my LORD!

~ Acts 2:37, “Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

That is a question each individual should answer.

~ Acts 2:38 – 40, Peter’s answer. “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you 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 for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. (40) And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

~ Acts 2:41 THE RESULT!!!

Conclusion:

Prayer and Hymn