

Pentecost

What is Pentecost?

1. Jewish Festival
2. Birth of the Church

Acts 2:1-47 (p. 1692)

Lessons from Pentecost: *(from The Holy Spirit by Mateen Ellass)*

1. The movement of the Holy Spirit is not subject to our timing or control.
2. The Spirit is given equally to men and women.
 - Galatians 3:26-29 (p. 1813)
3. The gift of the Spirit is cause for great joy.
4. The Spirit graces God's people with supernatural gifts.
5. The Spirit enlivens the church for the primary work of evangelism.
6. Pentecost makes clear that God is on the move to reach the whole world with his love.
 - Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 15)
7. The Spirit creates a new community recapitulating the life of Jesus Christ.

Pentecostal Churches: "The Pentecostal movement began in the United States in 1901... The central teaching of the movement is that the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a post-conversion experience with the 'initial evidence' of glossolalia¹."

– *Abingdon Dictionary of Living Religions*

¹ The utterance of speech or language-like words and phrases which are unknown to the speaker, usually in a context of profound religious experience.