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EXPLAIN

The Christian and Salvation (Pentecost)

Comparing the Old and New

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come....” (Acts 2:1).

The Old and New Pentecost

Old Testament Pentecost	New Testament Pentecost
Occurred fifty days after Israel left Egypt (Passover was the night before they left).	Occurred fifty days after Christ rose from the dead. Spent forty days with disciples after resurrection and ten days later New Testament Pentecost came.
Celebrated the birthday of Israel (Exodus 19:5-6).	Celebrated the birthday of the Church (Acts 2:41-47).
Witnessed the slaying of 3,000 souls (Exodus 32:28).	Witnessed the saving of 3000 souls (Acts 2:41).
Introduced in a mighty way (Exodus 19:16,18).	Introduced in a mighty way (Acts 2: 2, 3).

Comparing the Tower of Babel and New Testament Pentecost

Babel	Pentecost
Sinful men working for their glory (Genesis 11:4).	Sinful men waiting for God’s glory (Acts 1:14).
God confounded man’s language (Genesis 11:9).	God clarified man’s language (Acts 2:8).
God scattered men throughout the world (Genesis 11:9).	God gathers men into the church (Ephesians 1:10).

(Information in the above charts have been condensed from Willmington’s Guide to the Bible, pages 369-370.)

Comparing the Dedication of the Old Temple with the New Temple

Temple Dedication (2 Chronicles 7:1-3).	Temple Dedication (Acts 2:1-5).
Prayed.	Continued in prayer (Acts 1:14).
Fire fell from heaven.	Cloven tongues like as of fire.
Consumed the sacrifices.	Consumed the Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2).
Glory filled the house.	Sound as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house.
Worshipped and praised.	For these are not drunken, as ye suppose (Acts 2:15).

Study Questions

1. Given the following statements about Pentecost, determine if this was Old or New Testament Pentecost. Include Scripture reference where possible.

1) Celebrated the birthday of the Church _____

2) Witnessed the slaying of 3,000 souls _____

3) Occurred fifty days after Israel left Egypt (Passover was the night before they left).

4) Celebrated the birthday of Israel _____

5) Witnessed the saving of 3,000 souls _____

6) Occurred fifty days after Christ rose from the dead. He spent forty days with disciples after resurrection and ten days later New Testament Pentecost came. _____

2. Given the following Scripture references, write what is being discussed, and determine if this is referring to the Tower of Babel or New Testament Pentecost.

1) Acts 1:14 _____

2) Genesis 11:9 _____

3) Ephesians 1:10 _____

4) Acts 2:8 _____

5) Genesis 11:4 _____

3. List the five (5) events in the order they occurred during the dedication of the Old Testament Temple as found in 2 Chronicles 7:1-3.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

You Are Only Pentecostal If You Possess Pentecost

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come” (Acts 2:1).

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” (Acts 1:4-5).

Many think of “Pentecostal” as being a denomination or a church we can belong to. However, “Pentecost” is something you experience, not something you join. All those who truly call themselves Pentecostal possess Pentecost. It is through the baptism of the Holy Spirit that we can receive salvation and become born again. This same Spirit gives us the power to be witnesses (Acts 1:8). So, it is when we receive this same gift that was poured out at Pentecost that we become Pentecostal.

Some ask, “Is it necessary to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit?” If it was necessary for the Apostles, Mary the Mother of Jesus, and other disciples of Jesus Christ then it is necessary for us. These disciples had walked with Jesus for three and one half years. They had witnessed, preached, and even cast out devils. They could do these great works because Jesus was there with them. However, when He ascended, another “Comforter” had to be sent (John 14:16). This “Comforter” was the same as having Jesus walking with them again. “...Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). He comes into us through the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

One sobering thought is, “If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:9). This Scripture implies that if we do not have the baptism of the Holy Spirit we do not belong to Jesus Christ.

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you” (Romans 8:11). We will need the baptism of the Holy Spirit in order to go in the rapture.

No wonder Isaiah said, “until the spirit be poured upon us from on high” (Isaiah 32:15). For this reason Jesus commanded the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they possessed Pentecost (Luke 24:49).

The word “tarry” means to “continue, defer, delay, long for it, wait, have, make to have, stay, hope, linger, dwell, endure.”

We must continue until we receive the power of Pentecost. We must be like the woman in the New Testament who would not quit (Luke 18:1-8). Jesus was relating a parable in which He wanted to point out, “men ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1). A widow needed to be avenged of her enemy. The judge handling the case would not pass any fair judgment for some time. Finally, because of fear the woman would continue to trouble him by her continual coming he gave an answer.

“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him” (Luke 18:7).

We must be like the friend who came knocking at midnight (Luke 11:5-13). He requested, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. One of my friends has come to visit and I don’t have anything to give to him to eat.”

The other man responded, “I am in bed with my wife and children. Don’t trouble me now. I can’t get up!” But because the man persisted and tarried, he rose up and gave him what he asked for.

From this story we learn:

Ask...it shall be given you.
 Seek...and ye shall find.
 Knock...it shall be opened to you.

He that Asks...Receives
 Seeks...Finds
 Knocks...Door Opened
 (Luke 11:9-10).

Jesus wants to open the doors of heaven and give you an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He wants to flood you with the Spirit. Your heavenly Father knows how to give good gifts. He will “give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him!” (Luke 11:13).

God made a promise and He keeps His promises (Romans 4:21; Numbers 23:19). The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for “whosoever” (Acts 2:21).

Sometimes a caravan of travelers will be in the dusty, hot, dry desert, and about to perish for want of water. When this happens they will let one of the camels go. The instincts in this animal will lead him to refreshing waters. When the animal moves nearly out of sight one of the men will mount his camel and follow. When he is about to be out of sight another will do the same. When the camel discovers the water the man following on the camel will turn and

wave to the second; the second to the third, and so on, until everyone has gathered at the fresh water.

This reminds us of the Scripture about the Pentecost outpouring. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38).

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

"I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely" (Revelation 21:6).

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And, let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). Many times we have a shortage of water but there is no lack of supply when it comes to God's reservoirs (streams, rivers, or wells).

Study Questions

1. Give a Scripture that allows us to know we should tarry for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

2. When can we truly say we are Pentecostal? _____

3. Is being Pentecostal a denomination or an experience? Explain your answer. _____

4. Is it necessary to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Explain. _____

“Peter, Thanks for the Kingdom Keys!”

“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:38-39).

How did Peter get the Kingdom Keys anyway?

As we begin to read the Gospels we notice:

1. No church was started in the Gospels.
2. No one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
3. The salvation plan was not revealed.
4. Repentance was possible in the Gospels (Luke 23:43; Mark 2:5). However, salvation or conversion was not possible until Jesus had risen and ascended back to Heaven (Luke 22:32; John 7:37-39).

Long ago, in the Book of Isaiah we read the promise, “he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut and none shall open” (Isaiah 22:22).

Once Jesus came, died on Calvary, rose from the dead, and ascended back to Heaven, the door of salvation was wide open. The price for salvation had been paid in full.

The Gospels records the life of Jesus Christ. After being on earth, people still misunderstood who He was, what He was, and why He came.

One day Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” The answers varied from some saying He was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Then Jesus asked a more revealing question, “Now, I want to know who you think I am?”

It was Peter who quickly responded, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Because of this answer, Peter was promised upon the revelation he gave, Christ would build the Church and he would receive the keys to the kingdom (Matthew 16:13-19).

Peter had been delegated authority by God to proclaim salvation to all who would believe in Jesus Christ (John 20:23; Acts 2:37-40; Acts 15:7-9).

How and Where did Peter use the Kingdom Keys?

Peter received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4. Because he had the kingdom keys (the door to salvation), he used them for the first time in Acts 2:14-41. On the Day of Pentecost he opened wide the door of salvation to the Jews.

In Acts 8 the Samaritans had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 8:16) but had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Peter and John came and prayed for them and the door of salvation was unlocked for the Samaritans.

In Acts 10 Peter preached the Gospel to Gentiles. This was not easy because he believed that the Gentiles were unclean. God spoke to him clearly through a vision and other circumstances to cause him to go to Caesarea. As he preached in the house of Cornelius the Holy Spirit fell on them and they began speaking in other tongues.

Peter asked, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" (Acts 10:47).

The door of salvation had been opened for the Gentiles.

In these Scriptures we see Peter using the keys to the Kingdom to open the door of salvation and preach the Gospel.

What were the Kingdom Keys Peter used?

The Kingdom keys making up the plan of salvation consist of:

Key Number One: Repentance.

Key Number Two: Baptism in Jesus' Name.

Key Number Three: Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

These keys make up the Gospel. The Gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Death

Burial

Resurrection

Repentance

Jesus' name Baptism

Holy Spirit Baptism

Al Gossan Jr. in his tract, "Keys to Receiving the Holy Ghost" gives ten different keys helpful for receiving the Holy Spirit or witnessing/praying with those who need it. These ten keys are adapted here for your use.

1. Know it is the will of God for you to receive the Spirit.
2. Repent of your sins and be baptized in Jesus' name.

3. Obey God’s Word from day to day.
4. Ask for the Holy Spirit.
5. Pray for the free gift of the Holy Spirit.
6. Allow others to pray for you by laying on of hands.
7. Praise and worship God with all your heart.
8. Believe you will receive the Holy Spirit.
9. Expect the Spirit to come to you at anytime.
10. Speak boldly the language God gives to you.

The Kingdom keys are not for Peter alone but all can use them.

***Dear Peter:
We found the keys.
Thanks for leaving the door open!!
Love, Kofi***

Study Questions

1. How did Peter get the Kingdom Keys? _____

2. What are the three Kingdom Keys? _____

3. When/where did Peter use the Kingdom Keys? _____

4. What is the Gospel? _____

5. What are some keys to receiving the Holy Spirit? _____

