

“Heaven on Earth”
Come, Holy Spirit: The Book of Acts Sermon Series
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Introduction

Jesus ascends, the Holy Spirit comes, and the church begins.

Pentecost was one of _____ pilgrimage feasts when the entire household of Israel gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the goodness of God toward the nation.

Peter’s Sermon at Pentecost

“_____ who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Peter empowered by the Holy Spirit is a _____ man!

Peter once _____ he knew Jesus. Now he risks his _____ as a witness.

The Incredibly Difficult Question

Will God forgive and restore people who participate in their Messiah’s death if they repent?

“Peter knows from personal experience that God gives betrayers second chances.” – Robert Wall

This is a _____ request for instruction that will lead to forgiveness and restoration.

Repent means a radical _____ of heart, mind, and life toward God.

The word forgiven means _____ including financial debts.

They understood that those pardoned of _____ would then pardon the _____ of others.

This promise is for _____.

The church grew from 120 to _____.

True Fellowship Shares More than Common Beliefs and Core Values

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ _____ including scriptures.

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” – Psalm 133:1

They devoted themselves to *koinonia*—_____ caring for one another’s physical and spiritual well-being as a community of friends. It also excluded _____ with demons.

Fellowship of the saints is made possible by fellowship with _____!

They devoted themselves to breaking of _____ and _____.

“God will do nothing on earth except in answer to believing prayer.” – John Wesley

Life Together

God’s people on earth are to _____ God’s heaven on earth where solidarity and unity reign.

This way of life had already been _____ by the Essenes, a sect within Judaism.

Daily they spent much _____ together and ate in one another’s homes.

They were _____ and generous, praised God and had the goodwill of all the people.

The result: God added to their number those who were _____ saved.

The word saved in the Bible also means _____ or delivered.

Action Steps

Read chapters 6-10 of the Book of Acts this week.

_____ in a way this week to make possible “*having the goodwill of all the people.*”

Work against _____, social inequity, and class divisions.