The Feast of Weeks: Pentecost



John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. **2** So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” **3** So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. **4** Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, **7** and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **9** for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. **10** Then the disciples went back to their homes. **11** But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. **12** And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. **13** They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” **14** Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” **16** Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). **17 Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”** **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

After Jesus had resurrected, He told Mary that He had to ascend to the Father. He had to present Himself as the wave sheaf offering of the First-fruit of the harvest.

1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: **14** And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **15** Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. **16** For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **17** And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. **18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. **19** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. **20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. **21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God**, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Jesus is the Firstfruit of those that are asleep and awaiting the resurrection. He was the first to resurrect from the dead and at His return those that are dead in Christ will resurrect with Him.

Leviticus 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: 16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. 17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

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Feast of Weeks: Firstfruits Jesus presents Himself as the firstfruit offering to God						1st Sabbath
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The day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread is the Wave Sheaf Offering of Firstfruits. From that day, we count 7 Sabbaths and one day to get 50 days. The fiftieth day is the day of Pentecost. It is the day of the Wave Loaf Offering; the final day of the Feast of Weeks. The two loaves are the firstfruits unto God.

Acts 1:1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, **appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4** 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." **6** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; **11** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. **12** Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. **13** And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. **14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Jesus was with His disciples for forty days after His resurrection, speaking to them about the Kingdom of God. He told them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the Father's promise, the Holy Spirit. They asked Him if at that time the Kingdom would be restored to Israel but Jesus said it wasn't for them to know the time or seasons that God has put under His own authority. They would receive power to be His witnesses in all of the world once the Holy Spirit came upon them. Jesus was taken up to the heavens and the angels proclaimed that Jesus would return in the same manner. The disciples then went to the upper room to wait for the promise.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

On the Day of Pentecost, or the 50th day during the Feast of Weeks, God poured out His Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. **6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. **7** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? **9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, **10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. **12** And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? **13** Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. **14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: **15** For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. **16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: **18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: **19** And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: **20** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of

the Lord come: **21** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: **29** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. **30** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. **31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. **32** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

The prophet Joel prophesied that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit and Peter declared that it was coming to pass at that time.

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. **25** For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: **26** Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: **27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. **29** Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. **30** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; **31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. **32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. **34** For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, **35** Until I make thy foes thy footstool. **36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Peter went on to preach Jesus to the men of Israel. He declared that God did many miracles, signs and wonders through Jesus. Even though this was done in the midst of them they sent Him up to be crucified. But God raised Him up, breaking the hold of death that was on Him, because it was not possible for death to prevail. David prophesied that the Holy One would not see death but David himself was dead and buried. Jesus Christ had been raised to sit on His throne and they were all witnesses to His resurrection! They were witnessing His Spirit being poured out. All the house of Israel was to know for certain that Jesus, whom they crucified, is both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** 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. **39** 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.

When the men of Israel heard the words from Peter testifying of Jesus, they were pricked in their heart and wanted to know what they needed to do. Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that their sins would be remitted and then they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We all have this promise! If God is calling you to Him, you have the promise of the Holy Spirit! Repent and be baptized in His name and you too will have your sins remitted and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!

God poured out His Spirit on the day of Pentecost! What was it that Jesus told them about the Holy Spirit and its purpose?

Acts 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." **6** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,**

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Holy Spirit would cause all who have the Spirit, to be witnesses of Him in all of the earth. What does the word witness mean?

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A. in a legal sense
B. an historical sense
    i. one who is a spectator of anything, e.g. of a contest
C. in an ethical sense
    i. those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death

According to Thayers Greek Lexicon-
b. in an historical sense: with a genitive of the possessor 'one who testifies for one', Acts 1:8. To be a witness for one, serve him by testimony, Acts 1:8

How do you become a witness of someone or something? We serve Him with our testimony of who He is and what He has done. We testify of His life, death, burial and resurrection.

Let's look at the prophecies concerning this time and the purpose of the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: **20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.**

Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, **that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: **33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: **11** And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. **12** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.
The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to take out our heart of stone that resists God and put in a heart of flesh. This heart of flesh allows God to write His Laws in our heart so that we will walk in them. This is how we know God. This is how we declare that He is our God and that we are His people. This is how we are forgiven of our iniquity and how He remembers our former sins no more. Walking in God's Laws is how we are His witness throughout the entire earth.

Do we have any examples of the Feast of Pentecost in scripture? We know that the Feast of Pentecost was 50 days from the time that Jesus resurrected and He resurrected 3 days after the Passover. The Passover is on the 14th day of the 1st month so that would place Pentecost in

the third month of the year. We need to look back in scripture to see what other examples there may be of this same timeframe.

After God brought Israel out of Egypt He took them to Mount Sinai in the third month.

Exodus 19:1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. **2** For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. **3** And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; **4** Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. **5** Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: **6** And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

God told Israel that if they would obey His voice and keep His covenant they would be a peculiar treasure to Him. They would be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. What were the words that He spoke and what was His covenant?

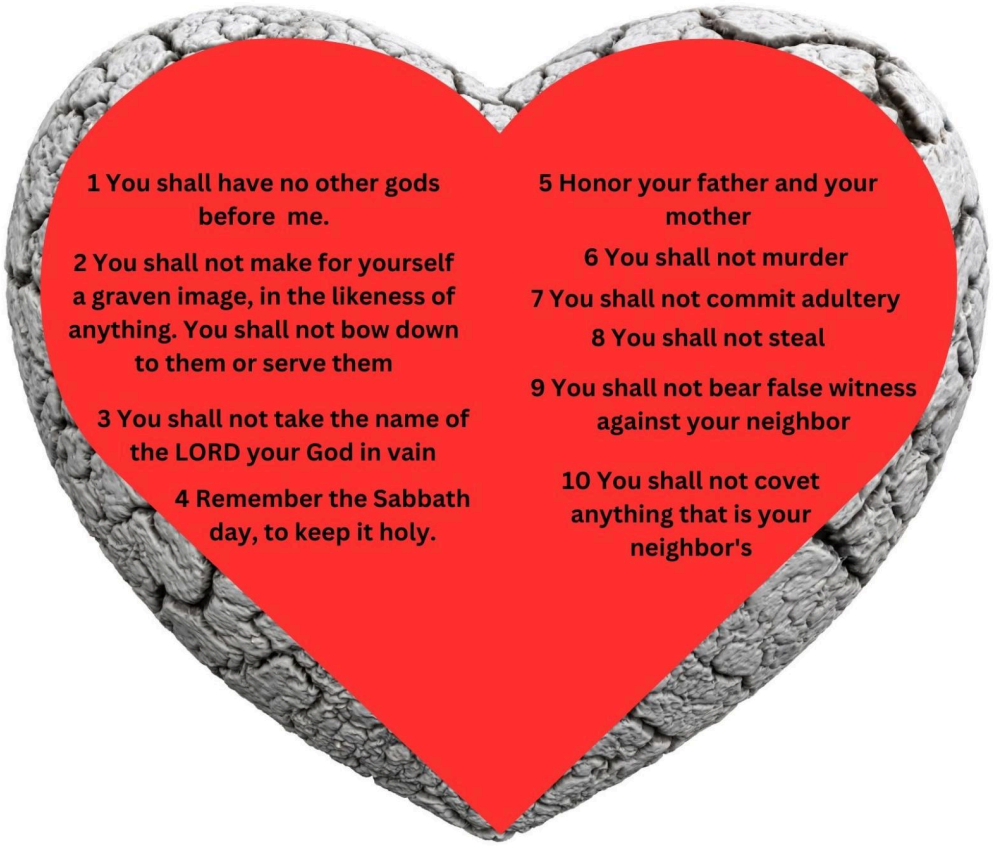
Exodus 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, **2** I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **3** Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **4** Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **5** Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; **6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7** Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. **8** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. **9** Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **10** But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: **11** For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. **12** Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. **13** Thou shalt not kill. **14** Thou shalt not commit adultery. **15** Thou shalt not steal. **16** Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. **17** Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. **18** And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. **19** And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. **20** And Moses said unto the people, **Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21** And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was. **22** And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. **23** Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. **24** An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. **25** And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. **26** Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.



Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; **10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth,** and that they may teach their children. **11** And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. **12 And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.**

Psalm 119:151 Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth. 152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

The ten commandments are God's Truth. The ten commandments are God's Law; they are His eternal covenant. In the new covenant God is taking His law and writing it in our hearts. His law hasn't changed, just the location. They were taken from the stone tablets and written in our heart. It's not a matter of the letter of the law and a checklist but a matter of the heart. Do we love God how He asked us to show our love for him and do we love our neighbor as yourself?



James 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. **19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: **20** For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. **21** Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness the engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

We are to be meek and allow the Holy Spirit to engraft the Word of God into our heart. We have to be willing to receive the Laws that the Spirit writes in our heart. They are the words of Truth and they save our soul. (The meek shall inherit the earth, Matt 5:5). We must be doers of these words and not just hearers only or we are deceiving ourselves. We will be blessed if we do the words of Truth, the ten commandments. We walk in the perfect law of liberty when we do the words that we hear from God. We are set free from the bondage of sin! We will be a kind of firstfruits of mankind.

Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11 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. 12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. **13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:23 And not only they, **but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. **24** For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? **25** But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

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Ephesians 1:11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, **12** so that **we who were the first** to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, **when you heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Before we had the Spirit of God , we were dead because of sin. Once we allow the Spirit to write God's Law in our heart, we are alive because of His righteousness. When we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us, we are awaiting the adoption and the redemption of our body at His return. The Spirit that dwells in us will raise us up at His return, the first resurrection. We must have patience and keep the hope of His coming kingdom by walking in His ways.

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: **3** And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. **4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. **5** And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. **6** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, **7** Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. **8** And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. **9** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **12** Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

The firstfruits unto God will be redeemed at the return of Jesus. The saints of God are those who keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus. They have the Spirit of God indwelling in them and they have allowed His Spirit to write His laws in their heart. This is what Pentecost is all about!