

I. PENTECOST AND THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. 50 days after Passover, the promise of the Holy Spirit was given to believers on the day of Pentecost. Wind and tongues of fire, the gift of spiritual language. The crowd was amazed and disgusted. Peter gets up to address them. His conclusion is:

Acts 2:33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

II. THE LAW AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. The Christian life is not about rules and regulations apart from a relationship with Jesus Christ (Col. 2:20-23).

Rom 4:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- B. It is possible to get caught up with rules like the Pharisees did (John 5:39-40) and totally miss a relationship with Jesus Christ Himself (Gal. 3:2-3). We do not receive the Holy Spirit because of rules and regulations (Gal. 3:2-3) but by faith.

III. BEING DRUNK ON WINE VS. BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Why is being filled with the Holy Spirit contrasted to being drunk on wine?

- A. No fear. Big enemies look like tiny friends, not sacred of people, what they might think. People who have tasted of the wine of the Holy Spirit think that God can do anything. Peter stands before 1000's of people and preaches with boldness (Luke 22:61).

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love..

- B. Relinquish control

1 Cor. 6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

- C. Feel happy (Psa. 104:15), enjoy life and people, forget about your worries (Prov. 31:7). 1. The reason we sin is because we don't see how beautiful and holy God is.

Song 1:2 ...For your love is better than wine (the pleasures of this world).

Matt 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

James 1:2-4 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.