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Sermon – A New Beginning – Pentecost 2021

Scripture – Acts 2

Main Message – Sometimes you must light a fire to get something going.

Today is 50 days past Easter. I'm tempted to say, "so what." We call it Pentecost. The Bible calls it the Feast of Weeks, or Shavuot. Unfortunately, once again man has messed with God's perfect timing and the actual feast of Shavuot happened last Sunday, which is 50 days after Passover. There is no real good reason to change these celebrations other than that of convenience. Pentecost and Shavuot always happens on a Sunday. Passover does not. Easter always lands on a Sunday obviously, so we messed around with God's ordained feasts and made up one that fits the calendar liked by the church.

Nevertheless, I want to impart the importance of this celebration.

Originally, for the Jews, Shavuot celebrates when the Torah was given to the people while at Mount Sinai. It also was celebrated for the first grain harvest of summer. These celebrations always point to a prophetic fulfillment that involved our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shavuot established the giving of the Law, but 50 days following the Feast of Unleavened bread following Jesus Ascension into heaven, the Disciples were given the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2:1-4

An Apostle is born. (one who is sent, or messenger, or teacher)

Well, following this gift of the Holy Spirit they stopped hanging out huddled together but realized that they were on a mission from GOD. I always wanted to work that in. Yes, nothing was going to stop them and they all went out, converted thousands to the faith. All they needed was a little fire in them. Nothing like some motivation to get things going and going they did.

- It is important to consider yourself as a Believer in Jesus Christ. That's a GREAT START. It's a vital start to your relationship with God. More on that Next Week. **Read John 14:1-6.**
- It is important to consider yourself as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. This means you have taken on the role of sitting at the feet of the master. You have moved beyond simple belief and are now working to grow in understanding which is available to you in any number of ways. Being a disciple means you have been called and you should rejoice in that. It also implies you are in training and without delay. **Read Mathew 4:18-22**
- It is important that you consider yourself a messenger of the word. I don't want to scare you and call you an apostle, but that is what the word means. This is Jesus own prayer for you all. **Read John 17:6-26**

Your role as a believer is to evolve, grow, learn and fulfill this mighty prayer that Jesus expressed while he was still on earth. HE IS SAYING THIS TO EACH OF YOU! That is a great big WOW and AMEN.

Praise be to God, King of the Universe and all Glory belongs to Him.