



A NEW ERA HAS EMERGED STARTING FROM PENTECOST

Recap From Last Week...

John 14:26

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Luke 24:49

“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

And Now it Begins; God’s Promises Fulfilled...

Acts 2:1-4

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:17

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Acts 10:44-46

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Acts 19:4-5

4 Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

LET'S OBSERVE...

• Observe John 14:26

- *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will _____ you of everything I have said to you.*
 - ***Usage:** The verb "hupomimnḗskó" is used in the New Testament to denote the act of reminding or bringing something to someone's memory. It implies a gentle or deliberate act of causing someone to recall information or teachings that they have previously learned or known. This term is often used in contexts where the writer or speaker is encouraging the audience to remember important spiritual truths or instructions.
 - ***Cultural and Historical Background:** In the Greco-Roman world, oral tradition and memory played a significant role in the transmission of knowledge and teachings. Teachers and philosophers often used reminders to reinforce learning and ensure that their students retained important information. In the context of the early Christian church, reminding believers of the teachings of Jesus and the apostles was crucial for maintaining doctrinal purity and encouraging spiritual growth.
 - **Conclusion:** Remembering and obeying the words of Jesus is crucial. Without obedience to Him, our doctrine is useless. The leading of the Holy Spirit will keep us tethered to Jesus.

Observe Acts 2:1-4

- Verse 1: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place = unity, in one accord
- Verse 2: Compare to John 20:22
 - John 20:22 = Breath
 - Acts 2:2 = Wind
- Verses 3 & 4: Two Different Miraculous Manifestations
 - Both are leaving observers in awe & wonder of God

Observe the Faithfulness of God in keeping His promises

- **Compare:**
 - Acts 2:17 with Joel 2:28-32
 - Acts 19:4-5 with Matthew 3:11
 - Luke 24:49 with Acts 2:1-4
- **Observe Acts 10:45**
 - The _____ believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on _____.
 - Who are the circumcised?
 - Who are the Gentiles?
 - In light of this verse and Acts 2:17 & Joel 2:28-32, does the Holy Spirit hold back His generosity from certain people groups?



CONCORDANCE ACTIVITY

Look up the following words:



Utterance: Greek:
(apophthengomai)
Strong's G669



Speak / Spoke: Greek: (laleō)
Strong's G2980



Filled: Greek: (pimplēmi)
Strong's G4092



Enabled: Greek: (didómi)
Strong's G1325

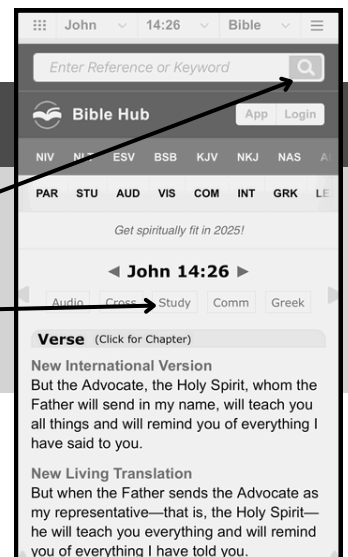
*Resource: BibleHub.com - Strong's Lexicon



ONLINE RESOURCE ACTIVITY

Observe John 14:26

- Go to BibleHub.com and do a search for John 14:26, and then click on the magnifying glass.
- Once it loads, click on the button titled "Study"
 - Read the **Study Bible** section.



LET'S INTERPRET...

- What do you believe all of these verses mean?
- What is God speaking to you personally through this study?
- Read a trusted commentary and compare to your interpretation.



NOW, LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

When Jesus was preparing to leave His disciples, He made a powerful promise in John 14:26: that the Helper, the Holy Spirit, would come in His place. Not only would the Spirit teach them all things, but He would also remind them of everything Jesus had said. We know that Jesus only spoke what He heard His Father say. This was a game changer. We now have access to the mind of God. Jesus knew that without the Spirit, we're prone to forget, wander, and slowly replace real relationship with routine religion. The Holy Spirit is the one who keeps our connection with Jesus alive, present, and personal.

Then in Luke 24:49, Jesus told them to wait, to stay in Jerusalem until they were "clothed with power from on high." This was the buildup to something huge, sparking anticipation. And sure enough, in Acts 2:1-4, the waiting turned into fulfillment. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit arrived with the sound of wind and tongues of fire. People began speaking in languages they'd never learned, boldly declaring the wonders of God. It wasn't just emotional hype, it was the birth of a new era. God wasn't just visiting people occasionally like in the Old Testament. Now, He was making His home inside of those who believed, and manifesting with various miracles causing awe and wonder of those who witnessed it.

Peter clarified this moment in Acts 2:17, quoting the prophet Joel: "In the last days, I will pour out My Spirit on all people." That word "all" is key. This wasn't reserved for the religious elite or people with a perfect track record, of certain ethnic background or even gender. It was for anyone who would receive; young, old, Jew, Gentile, men, women. It was radical, audacious, inclusive, and the start of something we're still living in today.

Later in Acts 10:44-46, while Peter was still speaking to a group of Gentiles, the Holy Spirit suddenly fell on them. They didn't follow all the religious customs or grow up quoting the Torah, *but they were hungry for God*. And that was enough. They began to speak in tongues and praise God, just like at Pentecost. Then again in Acts 19:4-5, Paul laid hands on people who had only known John's baptism, and the Holy Spirit came upon them, too. It was confirmation: the Spirit wasn't exclusive. God's promise was expanding, just like He said it would.

All of this points to one simple but powerful truth: God keeps His promises. The Holy Spirit wasn't just for the first disciples, it's for us, now. If we try to follow Jesus without the Spirit, we end up performing instead of connecting, striving instead of abiding. But with the Spirit, we stay centered on relationship over religion. He brings Jesus' words back to life in our hearts, especially when we're confused, tired, or tempted to forget what matters most...or even compromise our character. So whether you feel close to God or far away, know this...the Holy Spirit is for you, and He's ready to remind you of the love and truth Jesus spoke.



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Applying John 14:26:** Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to actively remind you of Jesus' words, especially when you're distracted or overwhelmed?
- **Applying Luke 24:49:** Are you willing to slow down and wait for God to empower you, rather than rushing ahead in your own strength?
- **Applying Acts 2:1-4:** Have you invited the Holy Spirit to fill you completely so you can walk in boldness and power like the early believers?
- **Applying Acts 2:17:** Do you truly believe the Holy Spirit wants to speak and move through you, regardless of your age, background, gender, or qualifications?
- **Applying Acts 10:44-46:** Are you open to the Holy Spirit working in ways or through people you didn't expect, even those outside your comfort zone?
- **Applying Acts 19:4-5:** Are you living with a personal experience of the Holy Spirit, or just going through the motions of a faith you've inherited?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank you for sending your Son to die on our behalf. We are so grateful that because of Jesus, we have access to you. We understand that we now have your Holy Spirit, because you are a good Father and saw fit to not leave us alone. You provide us help, guidance, comfort, an advocate, and access to your very thoughts!

We ask that you forgive us when we lean on our own understanding, operating in pride and treating our Christian walk as if we are no longer in need of a guide. Guide us back when we operate under a spirit of religion, losing the awe, wonder and reverence of your Holy presence. Thank you Holy Spirit for always pointing us back to Jesus, keeping us anchored in His teachings and conforming us to have His character. Remind us that knowing all of scripture is meaningless if we are not obedient to apply the teachings of Jesus in our lives. We want to be found faithful on the day of Christ's return. So today, we choose to surrender all to you once again. Have your way! Holy Spirit, thank you for access to the Father's mind...but right now we give you permission to access the inner recesses of our being. Search us, transform us and use us for the glory and honor of God. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen!



Homework: Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight and understanding of the Word, then read John 3:5-8.

Next Week: We will study the Holy Spirit's involvement in *Salvation*.