



Acts 2:1-4

1 When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting.
3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
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Peter explained this phenomenon to the Jews in this way.

Acts 2:14-18

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.
15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.
16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.
18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.
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Jesus had given His disciples the promise that he would fulfill what the prophet Joel predicted would occur.

John 14:15-17

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
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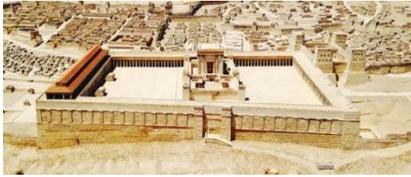
This indwelling of the Holy Spirit was obviously a big deal to Jesus.

The Holy Spirit dwelled with them in Jesus. But the Holy Spirit would be in them when Jesus was no longer physically beside them.

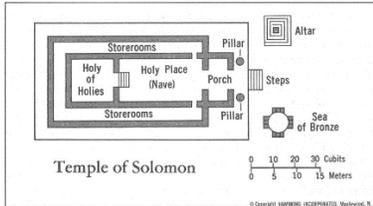
Jesus believed that the Holy Spirit within them was better than Him being beside them. Jesus said, it is better for you if I go away!

John 16:7

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.



In the Old Covenant God made with the Jews, the Holy Spirit of God dwelled in the temple in Jerusalem.



The inside of the temple was divided into three parts.



The Holy of Holies was the hot spot of God's presence on earth.

The ark of the old testament covenant rested in the Holy of Holies. It was the throne of the Spirit of God's presence on the earth and it contained the law of Moses or covenant God made with the Jews.

The ark of the covenant was lost during the dispersion of the Jews by the Babylonians in 586BC.

Joel had predicted there was going to be a change in where God's Spirit dwelt on the earth.

[Joel 2:28-29](#)

[28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. NKJV](#)

Jesus understood that He was initiating that change. God's Spirit would no longer dwell in a temple built by men. God's Spirit would dwell in a temple built by God. Jesus knew He was the first temple of the Holy Spirit in the new covenant that God was making with mankind.

Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to dwell in His disciples and in anyone who received Him as their savior and Lord.

Just as Jesus was the temple of God's Spirit, all His followers would be the temple of God's Spirit.

The day of Pentecost was the beginning of the fulfillment of this promise.

The apostle Paul said this to the church.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

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1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

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

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2 Corinthians 6:16

16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

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The apostle John said...

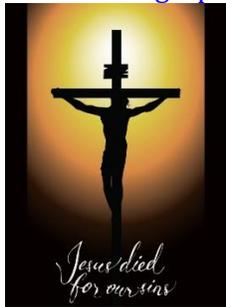
1 John 4:15

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

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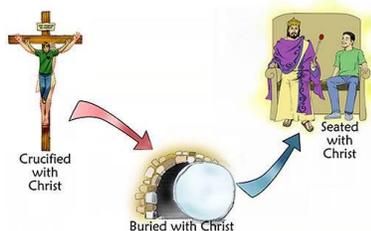
I want us to take few moments to think about this incredible truth that is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1. The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news because of its judicial truth.

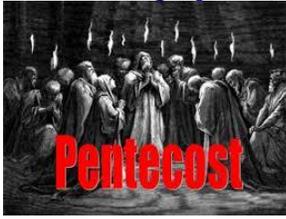


Judicial means legal.

2. The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news because of its positional truth.



3. The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news because of its experiential truth.



- As God's Spirit dwelt in the temple in Jerusalem, God's Spirit dwells in all that follow Jesus.
- As God's Spirit dwelt in Jesus, God's Spirit dwells in all that follow Jesus.
- As God's Spirit dwelt in the disciples of Jesus beginning at Pentecost, God's Spirit dwells in all that follow Jesus.



1. I am the temple of God's Spirit on earth.
2. We are the temple of God's Spirit on earth.
3. The church is the temple of God's Spirit on earth.

Let's let this truth sink deep into the deepest recesses of our minds, our emotions, and our conscience.

Let's let this truth sink deep into our human existence; our understanding of our being; our identification of ourselves; the reason for our existence.

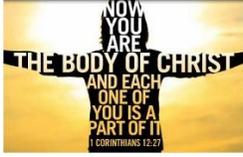
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It is so hard to believe. It is a mystery to us, and it is mysterious to us.
It is so hard to believe. It is why Jesus chose to send His Spirit with incredible signs to the Jews.

There are many truths that are hard to believe because our minds and our experience are so limited.

This truth is one of those mysterious truths.

Throughout church history, it has been common for church members to not understand or believe this truth. (Acts 19).

Truth is truth whether we believe it or not. But the truth changes us when we believe it!

This truth believed changes everything!

- It changes how we relate to God.
- It changes how we relate to ourselves.
- It changes how we relate to one another.
- It changes how we relate to sin.
- It changes how we relate to a lost world.

I don't have a sign to show you today. But will you believe...

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If you believe this truth, you will begin to see the signs.