

The Purpose of Pentecost

Acts 1:1-13

As we consider the miraculous events (and signs) at Pentecost we find the Holy Spirit at work in people's lives. We have already reflected upon the new relationship with the Holy Spirit that was instituted at Pentecost. Now the Holy Spirit indwells the believer and by virtue of His Presence the believer experiences and functions in/with the power of the Holy Spirit. God gave them (the believers) the power to witness and to minister effectively to those around them. By connecting the facts, we see the Church instituted and empowered for its mission of evangelism and grace. In our text we find several facts that offer us a clear picture of God's purpose in the Holy Spirit's presence in the believer's life. In one sweeping move God's Holy Spirit was given and now indwells the believer's life... fulfilling promises, clearing up confusion, presenting Truth, and transforming lives. What an incredible picture of God's eternal purpose and the privilege that we have to be the "*Temple of the Holy Spirit*" (*I Corinthians 3:16; II Corinthians 6:16*).

The Holy Spirit's Purpose...

- (1) **To initiate relationship**

- (2) **To Convict of Sin**

- (3) **To Convince of Truth**

- (4) **To Guide and Direct**

- (5) **To Full Fill the Promise**