

Scripture

- **Leviticus 23:15**

“You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord.”

- **Acts 2:1-6**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

- **John 16:12-15**

“I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.” But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.”

- **Acts 1:8**

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Other Scriptures

- Jeremiah 31:3
- Luke 24:29
- John 14:16-17
- Song of Solomon 1:4
- Romans 8:9
- I Corinthians 2:9-10

Main Points

- At the time the book of Acts was written, Pentecost had been celebrated by Jewish people for 1500 years.
- Fifty in English is Pentecost in Greek
- Weeks in English is Shavuot in Hebrew
- The Jewish people also came to associate Shavuot with the day that God gave them the law at Mount Sinai.
- Aspects of Pentecost:
 - Knowing God
 - Making Him Known
- God's Purpose for His children:
 - To know Him
 - To make Him known
- The Holy Spirit is God manifest unto us.
- God reveals Himself to you and I by His Spirit.
- God gave us His Spirit that we would have power to be His witnesses.
- The gift of the Spirit is that we would know God and that we would be empowered to be His witnesses.

Discussion Questions

1. Was Shavuot or Pentecost a brand-new event for Jews in Jerusalem?
2. How did the harvest of wheat and the Mt Sinai experience come together on the day of Pentecost? Describe what happened to the disciples at that time in the upper room.
3. Were the languages spoken prayer languages or real languages?
4. What are the two aspects learned through Pentecost? In what ways do these become your life purposes, as you live your life as a believer?
5. Why do we need the power of the Holy Spirit?

