

Pictures of Being Pentecosted, May 30-June 2

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV) ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

† Being Filled with the Spirit, “Pentecosted,” is a BIG DEAL and ESSENTIAL.

† Being Filled is God’s Choice

it is not done on demand or as a ritual, though we should submissively ask for it

it does not happen the same for everyone

it happens to those who get into alignment with Christ in God’s timing and God’s way

† There is a start and multiple re-fillings

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 4:31

Acts 8:14–17

Acts 19:1–6

† The evidence is

Typically there is an internal sense that something happened but the true evidence is WHO we become and WHAT we do as transformed people.

1. **BEING** like Jesus – transforming into the Character of Jesus – WHO we are

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) ²²But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV) ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 3:15–18 (ESV) ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For **this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

2. **DOING** like Jesus – transforming to do the work of Jesus – WHAT we do

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Luke 9:23 (ESV) And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

† The **PURPOSE** of being filled is to accomplish God’s assignments as the army, the Body, the family

Danger is to have the purpose and the benefits out of order

John 7:38–39 (ESV) ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ”
³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Acts 1:8 (ESV) ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

† Pictures of being Pentecosted

Truth Check:

Testimonies are not scripture, but, if illustrating scripture, are legitimate and a Biblical way of learning – but ONLY if the testimony points to God and His Truth.

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“You just experienced (name the scripture)” is important to point out when God works.

Psalm 139:23–24 (ESV) ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

➔ Herb’s personal experiences

Notice how Spirit fillings always equip to serve God and His purposes, but bring RSU benefits.

➔ Pictures from the Chronicles of Narnia

Notice how the scenes in the story bring to life Bible Truth. THAT is what impacts soul deep.

6. Questions, clarifications?

Takeaways...



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