

THREE GREAT CHRISTIAN HOLY DAYS

1. _____ – celebrates the birth of Jesus, God stepping into time and space in His unfolding plan to save the world
2. _____ – celebrates the resurrection of Jesus and God’s ultimate victory over sin and death
3. _____ – celebrates the birth of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit

“But now I am going away to the one who sent me, and not one of you is asking where I am going. Instead, you grieve because of what I’ve told you. But in fact, it is best for you (“profitable”) that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate (“Paraclete”) won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.” John 14:5-7, 13

[Jesus to his disciples] “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:4-5, 8

What happened on Pentecost must always happen in the Church

“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.” Acts 2:1-4

1. **WIND** – The people of God must be attuned to the _____ of the Spirit of God (v. 2)

[Jesus] “Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.” John 3:6

- a. The Holy Spirit gives us _____
- b. The Holy Spirit gives us _____
- c. The Holy Spirit gives us _____

2. **FIRE** – The people of God must be attuned to the _____ of the Spirit of God (v. 3)

“Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow... Create in me a clean heart... Renew a loyal spirit within me... Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.” Psalm 51:7, 10-12

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you... purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” James 4:8

3. **FRUIT** – The people of God must be attuned to the _____ of the Spirit of God (v. 4)

- a. To _____ as Christ

“The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” Galatians 5:22-23

- b. _____ by the Holy Spirit

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.” 1 Corinthians 12:4

- c. To _____ the Gospel and usher in God’s Kingdom

“Then Peter stepped forward... ‘Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.’ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation!’ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” Acts 2:14-41

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