

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1: 1 , 2

Then God said, “Let Us make man
in Our image, according to Our
likeness;

Genesis 1:27

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her
Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

Genesis 3:15

Go therefore and make disciples of
all the nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28: 19

God's plan of redemption...

Christmas – birth of Christ

Easter – death and resurrection

Pentecost – the coming of the
Holy Spirit

(also prophesied in Scripture)

But Satan was there every step of
the way!

In Genesis... and when Jesus was
born... after Jesus was baptized...
and when Jesus was crucified.

Do you think that the devil might
have still been around at
Pentecost?

He was there creating confusion,
mocking, threatening, even
persecuting the Christians!

Even from day one!

The very thing that Satan ridiculed on Pentecost, he's still using today to attempt to delegitimize God's promise of Joel 2.

“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.
And they shall prophesy.

Joel 2: 28 – 29

And speaking of Peter...

he was a changed man!

Know this:

Pentecost was not so much about
tongues as it was about POWER!

But you shall receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be witnesses to Me
in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the end of the
earth.”

Acts 1:8

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4: 31

What the Holy Spirit does for us...

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;

but you know Him, for He dwells
with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will
not leave you orphans; I will come
to you.

John 14: 15 - 18

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in My
name, He will teach you all things,
and bring to your remembrance all
things that I said to you.

John 14: 26

John 16

- *convict of sin v. 8
- *convince of righteousness v. 8
- *guide you into all truth v. 13

Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 22,23)

love joy peace
longsuffering kindness
goodness faithfulness
gentleness self control

Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12)

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

“Our Father which art in heaven...”

Jesus is seated at the right hand of
God (many N.T. passages)

The Holy Spirit has been sent to us
to be a Helper, a Comforter, and a
Guide.

When the “promise” was given in
the O.T., God knew what He was
doing!

When Jesus said “wait”, He knew
what He was doing!

When the Holy Spirit is at work
today – He certainly knows what
He is doing!

Although there have been times when men have been overzealous, not used wisdom, and just been plain out of order – we dare not dismiss the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

1 Corinthians 14 gives definite guidelines and instruction concerning the use of tongues in public worship. Paul's comments are very clear – he believed strongly in the gifts of the Spirit, stating that he frequently and often spoke (with tongues).

But he also acknowledged that the worshiper had an obligation, if need be, to control himself in public worship, for the good of others, but could yet be free in private worship to not be concerned with such restraint.

In the church, however, speaking with tongues should generally be interpreted, unless it is during a time of prayer, or as all are engaged in worship. Even then one should be cautious about bringing attention to oneself. This is the spirit of 1 Cor. 14, and is included in God's Word for our good.

Again, speaking in tongues, is not the main work of the Holy Spirit by any means. The power, conviction, assurance, fruit, and gifts of the Spirit all come from the One who was sent to be our help!

And God knows, we need help!