



Being Pentecostal
 Week 7: The Spirit in the Darkness
 C. 501 – 1500
 July 26th, 2023

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This Summer
 Join the Wednesday Night Crew
 In the auditorium @6:30PM
 For our adult bible study: BEING PENTECOSTAL
 Ever wonder what signs and wonders have been recorded in history since Acts chapter 2?

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- Fruit of the Spirit (As displayed in JC Life) – Week 1
- Gifts of the Spirit (Hayford) – Week 1
- Spiritual Gifts Inventory – Week 3
- Spiritual Gifts Test – Week 3
- Spirit Gets Organized – Week 4
- NOTE CARD FOR FREEDOM CEREMONY – Week 6

Foundation:

First, need to identify the Holy Spirit as a person and part of the Trinity.
 Then, how He works through Christ
 The, how He works through the Disciples
 (How can we graph this?)

Three Measurable Goals:

1. **Understanding** the person of the Holy Spirit
2. **Measuring** our understanding of the Holy Spirit by the amount of Fruit of the Spirit in our life.
3. **Expressing** the will of the LORD by what the Holy Spirit does through us and how He chooses to display Himself.

**OUR relationship^(interaction) with the Holy Spirit
 provides the clarification^(illumination) of the scriptural path
 we walk on in our life with Jesus Christ.**

Areas of Influence: Family. Work. Hobbies. Social media. Church. Neighborhood.
 Events. **DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF NAMES?** Any testimonies....

Practicing the Gifts: Any Testimonies

- Praying very simply for healing? Using oil?
- Practicing simply giving the HS addicting behaviors (and our egos that stop us from admitting they are present) AND/OR the lies of our culture that control/influence us.

Timeframe: (C. 501 - 1500)



Time between the Fall of Rome and the rise of the Renaissance

John 3:5-8 HCSB (all verses unless otherwise noted)

⁵ Jesus answered, "I assure you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. ⁸ The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

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The Fall of Rome

More like the aging of Rome. Died slowly.

Western Roman empire 476AD

Romans and Germans faced off in battles for years.

Germans entered the empire as slaves.

Became Soldiers.

Then Generals.

These Generals operated as rulers in such a large kingdom.

Roman was conquered by:

410 – Alaric and the Visigoths (Germans)

452 – Attila and the Huns. (Asian Nomads)

455 – Gaiseric and the Vandals (Scandinavian)

What finally overtook the Empire? The German led troops within the Empire.

As the Government of Rome decreased in power they relied on The Bishops of Rome to care for civil needs.

- Bishop Leo of Rome met with Attila the Hun to spare the Rome as he overtook Italy.
- When Gaiseric attacked, the Imperial Army fled and the Emperor tried to flee (murdered by his body guard and his body drug throughout the city) and Leo, once again met with the Conqueror and plead for Rome to be spared. They looted the city for 14 days and then left the city standing. City spared. People spared. Churches spared.
- Bishop Leo became Pope Leo the I.

The Dark Ages:



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Early Middle Ages: 501 – 1000
High Middle Ages: 1001 – 1300
Late Middle Ages: 1301 – 1500

Not much recorded. Obscure. (specifically the Early Middle Ages)
OR
Intellectually dark and backward thinking?

Did secular society NOT want to access Christian history and advancement during this time thereby feeding the lie of DARK?

Did the comparison of ROME to the life of the conquering nations equate DARK?

NOTE: Did the country become more rural? Was this God's plan?

"This continuous trail of intruders eventually led to a new rural and agricultural Europe."

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Eastern Roman Empire: North Africa and Middle East conquered by Islamic rulers.

Western Roman Empire: Germany (Franks).

Charlemagne (Charles the Great) 742 – 814:

United much of Rome through military and religion and intellectual pursuits. Cultural rebirth.
For the next 1,000 years.

"Charlemagne decreed that the sons of nobles and tenants alike were to be instructed in grammar, music, and arithmetic, while all boys in public schools were to be taught music and singing – especially the Psalms."

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Examine Christians who have lived during this time to find our answer:

"Nearly every root of modern Pentecostalism can be traced back to the Middle Ages. While many kingdoms rose and fell, the one thing that remained strong and erect through it all was Christ's church. "

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Pope Gregory I: (540-604)



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Reminded Western Christians the Holy Spirit still intervenes with humanity just like He did in ancient Biblical times. These interventions are not only available to us but SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED. They are a MUST in evangelism.

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First monastic Pope.

Dubbed “the father of Christian worship”.

Gregorian Chant (resemblance to modern day sung glossolalia/singing in tongues.)

glos·so·la'·le·a

His chants were so inspired it is easy to connect to the Holy Spirit.

ASK: Connects with Pentecostalism how?

Conversion:

You are born a _____, you will always be a _____.

You are not automatically a believer of what your genetic family believes.

When did this concept of conversion enter society?

- Life of Christ
- Acts Chapter 2
- Paul's ministry

Mass conversion – Acts 2

Individual conversion – Protestants process

Which way was most of Europe converted?

How did the barbaric **Germans** who overtook Rome end up worshipping Jesus? The God of the Romans?

Miracle working missionary monks.

“The bristling forests of northern Europe were inhabited by barbarian tribes who sacrificed animals and worshiped nature spirits among the trees and beside the streams. Any missionary who ventured among them, with any hope of conversions, had to demonstrate the superior power of the Christian spirits...The missionary monks overthrew barbarian magic by calling down superior powers...A miracle here and a victorious battle there; and the Germans were ready for baptism.” Bruce L. Shelley, Historian.

Acts 27



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Paul heading to Rome, caught in storms, guarded by the Centurion, who listened to the Captain instead of Paul and took off from the winter harbor instead of waiting for fairer weather. After much peril at sea, the Centurion would protect Paul.

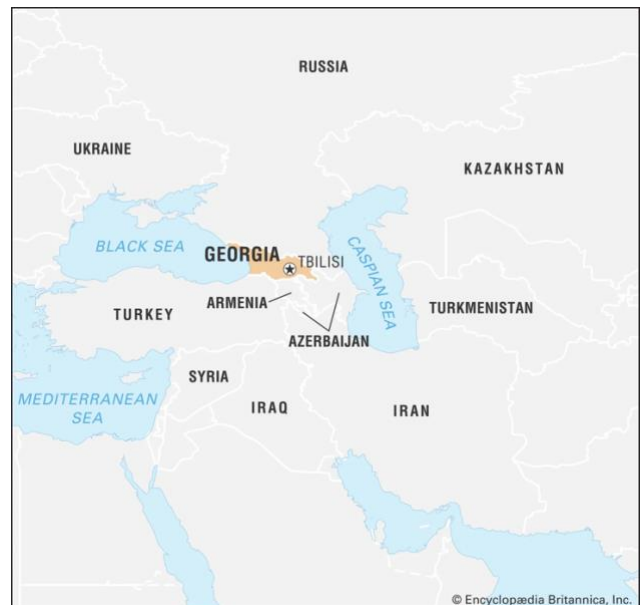
Acts 28:1-6, 7_10

Once safely ashore, we then learned that the island was called Malta. ² The local people showed us extraordinary kindness. They lit a fire and took us all in, since it was raining and cold. ³ As Paul gathered a bundle of brushwood and put it on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. ⁴ When the local people saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “This man, no doubt, is a murderer. Even though he has escaped the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.” ⁵ But he shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶ They expected that he would begin to swell up or suddenly drop dead. After they waited a long time and saw nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

⁷ Now in the area around that place was an estate belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us hospitably for three days. ⁸ Publius’s father was in bed suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went to him, and praying and laying his hands on him, he healed him. ⁹ After this, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. ¹⁰ So they heaped many honors on us, and when we sailed, they gave us what we needed.

Iberians: (modern day Georgia)

Sometimes considered a transcontinental country, it is located at the intersection of Eastern Europe and Western Asia, and is today generally regarded as part of Europe. It is bordered to the north and northeast by Russia, to the south by Turkey and Armenia, and to the southeast by Azerbaijan.





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“A Christian woman was taken captive by the Iberians. But lived a faithful in godly life, fasting and praying night and day, and praising and worshiping God, despite her captivity. When a boy in the country was taken ill, his mother, according to their customs, took him from house to house, hoping to find someone able to cure the disease and ease his affliction, but none could be found. Finally, in desperation, she brought him to the captive woman, who said, “as to medicines, I have neither experience nor knowledge, nor am I acquainted with the mode of applying ointment, or plasters; but, oh woman, I believe that Christ, whom I worship, the true, and great God, will become the savior of your child. “ Then she prayed for him and immediately and freed him from the disease.”

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ASK: What would we do in this situation?

Christian priest kept living their calling even though they were in captivity.

ASK: What thoughts were going through their minds as they were confronted with

NEED

SICKNESS

Amongst barbarians

Scots-Irish:

Because Rome was busy defending themselves on the continent, the Scots-Irish raided Britain and took Roman men & women as slaves.

16yr old boy = **Patrick**. (389 – 461)

Father was a Deacon

Lived 6 yrs in captivity as a herdsman slave.

Fasted and prayed daily.

“I now see the Spirit burning in me at that time.”

Prophetic voice told him that soon he would depart for his home country.

Then, that his ship was ready.

Ran away to the port (200 miles).

God directed his route.

After three days we reached land, and for 28 days journeyed through uninhabited country, and the food ran out and hunger overtook them; and one day, the steersman began saying, “Why is it, Christian? You say your God is great and all powerful, then why can you not pray for us? For we may perish of hunger. It is unlikely, indeed, that we shall ever see another human being.” In fact, I said to them, confidently, “be converted by faith with all your heart to my Lord God, because nothing is impossible for Him, so that today He will send food for you on your road, until you were full, because everywhere He abounds.” And with God’s help this came to pass,



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and behold, a herd of swine, appeared on the road before our eyes, and they slew many of them, and remained there for two nights, and they were full of their meat in well restored, for many of them had fainted, and would otherwise have been left half dead by the wayside.

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Once home, Patrick became a priest.

Then, Bishop.

Vision: Man coming to him from Ireland carrying letters that seemed to all cry out to him, "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

Throughout his life, he repeatedly was prophetically informed of what was going to happen.

Thousands committed their lives to Christ.

Some became Missionaries to Scotland, Ireland, Britain, and Europe.

God knows, I do not, whether within me, or beside me... Many words... Which I heard, and could not understand, except at the end of the speech it was represented thus: "He who gave His life for you, He, it is who speaks within you." A And thus I awoke joyful. And on a second occasion, I saw Him praying within me, and I was as it were, inside my own body, and I heard Him above me that is, above my inner self. He was praying, powerfully with sighs, and in the course of this, I was astonished and wondering, and I pondered who it could be, who was praying within me. But at the end of the prayer, it was revealed to me that it was the Spirit. And so I awoke and remembered the apostle's words : "Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we know not how to pray, as we ought. But the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with size too deep for utterance. "

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Romans 8:25-27

²⁵ *But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.*

²⁶ *In the same way the Spirit also joins to help in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us^[a] with unspoken groanings. ²⁷ And He who searches the hearts knows the Spirit's mind-set, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

Clovis, King of the Franks (466-511)

His wife, Clotilde, a German-Scandinavian princess was a believer.

Secretly baptized their first born son who died. Clovis blamed the baptism.

She did it again for their second born. He fell sick. Clovis blamed the baptism. Clotilde prayed and the boy recovered.

During a tribal battle, Clovis prayed to Jesus Christ for deliverance..."Clotilde says you are the Son of the living God and you can give victory to those who hope in you. Give me victory and I will get baptized. I have tried my gods and they have deserted me."

Clovis told Clotilde.



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She called the Bishop.

He instructed Clovis to renounce his gods.

He did but noted the people will not consent. HE WANTED TO TALK TO THEM.

They all renounced their ancestral gods.

3,000 soldiers followed their King into Christian baptism.

ASK: How do you worship Christ amongst your family members?

Crusades:

Eight launched 1096 – 1291

You cannot force conversion.

Eastern Orthodox & Western Catholic:

Crusades highlighted the debate of:

- Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and together glorified.
- The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and from the Son (filioque in Latin)

THE TRINITY argument is back into the forefront.

Eastern and Western believers divide. Remains so to this day.

Mystics:

To touch or taste God is some tangible way.

Contemplation. Experience. Insight. Intuition. Instinct.

- **Symeon, the New Theologian:** 949 – 1022

The first Byzantine mystic to “freely teach and share with others from his own mystical experiences”. Lived and encouraged to have a direct personal experience with God (light or grace). Believed the most dangerous heresy of all was to teach it was impossible to operate and have the same spiritual (mystical) graces as did the early church. “Seek the Spirit!”

- **Gregory Palamas:** 1296 – 1359

Greek monk, theologian and archbishop of Thessalonica.

All Christians should become instruments of the Holy Spirit by receiving:

Various gifts of healing, miracles, foreknowledge, irrefutable wisdom, diverse tongues, interpretations of tongues, word of instruction...WITH or WITHOUT the laying on of hands. VERSUS “a more intellectual approach”.

- **Bernard of Clairvaux:** 1090 – 1153



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“We have all, I think, received the Spirit unto salvation, but not all has he been given into fervor. In fact, only very few appear to be filled with the spirit of fervor, very few show any desire to obtain it. We are content with their own cramped littleness, and make no endeavor to rejoice in or at least to aspire to the liberty of the spirit which that Spirit confers. Let us pray, dearest brethren, that in us may be accomplished the days of Pentecost, the days of remission, the days of exaltation, the days of true Jubilee.”

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Believed in immediate personal faith.
Founded his own Abbey (Clairvaux)
His own father and brothers came to be his disciples.
He formed 343 other monasteries.
A Protestant before there were any.
Calvin and Luther quote him.
Proclaimed healing for body and soul.
Affection for Jesus should be both tender and intimate.

ASK: Do I SEEK the Spirit?

- **Saint Francis of Assisi: 1181 – 1226**

Archbishop of Genoa: Was just able to speak fluently in French – Received of God by miracle the French tongue. When he was filled anew with the fervor of the Holy Spirit he would. Burst forth ardently in the French tongue.

Celano: Whenever Francis was full of fervor and needed to vent the fire of love in his heart, as if drunk in the Spirit, he would sing in French. (Singing in tongues?)

Franciscan Order (3 = One for preachers, one for women, one for laymen).
Follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and walk in his footsteps.
Their meetings sparked revival in northern Italy in 1233. Known as “The Alleluia” because the songs sang were not of man but of God.

“perhaps the most thoroughly charismatic in its primitive period that the church has ever known.” Signs. Wonders. Prophecy. Deliverances. Healings. Softened the hardest hearts to repentance.

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ASK: Worship = Divine ecstasy. Would I say that let alone act that?
Where do I park MY EGO and let the Spirit just do?



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- **Hildegard of Bingen:** 1098 – 1179

“In these days God made manifest his power through the frail sex, in these handmaidens whom he filled with the prophetic spirit.”

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German.

Noble parents.

Sickly child.

Seen a vision at age 3.

By age 5 she realized it as a gift of God.

Did not tell anyone til age 42! Then, only when told in a vision to do so.

Called by God to proclaim His words in the Spirit.

Went on preaching tours. Known for “fiery sermons”!

Shared her own personal Pentecost – she saw heavens open up and a brilliant light permeated her mind and inflamed her heart.

Popes and peasants accepted and approved of her Holy Spirit inspired writings.

“Recreative work” of the Holy Spirit: Virtue. Grace. Discernment.

Tongues were “initial” in physical evidence of being touched by the fieriness of the HS.

Famous for: Visions, prophecies, miracles and concerts “singing in the Spirit”.

Healings, too. Even at her tomb.

70 musical compositions accompanied by original poetic text.

Founded two monasteries that were known as centers of revival.

400 Letters of correspondence from Popes, Emperors, Abbots, Abbesses.

3 Volumes on visions.

2 on natural medicine.

Minor works including a gospel commentary.

2 biographies of saints.

She wrote in Latin. A language she never learned.

ASK:

Scholasticism = Reconcile Christian doctrine with human reason and arrange the teachings of the church in an orderly way. Peter Abelard (1079 – 1142) was one of the founders of Scholasticism. “the key to wisdom was frequent questioning...for by doubting we come to inquiry, and by inquiry we arrive at the truth.” Was eventually denounced as heresy.



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- **Thomas Aquinas: 1224 – 1274**

Was sent to Paris to by the pope to deal with Scholasticism.

Dominican monk

Noble birth.

Brilliant mind.

Gentle disposition.

Formidable constitution.

REMAINS TO THIS DAY ATOP AS ONE OF THE GREATEST THEOLOGIAN, PHILOSOPHER AND APOLOGIST the church has ever produced.

Did not denounce others.

Examined their writings.

Went point by point.

Refuting some, reconciling others to Christianity.

ALWAYS MADE A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN: Philosophy and Theology. Reason and Revelation.

Both were fountains of knowledge flowing from the source – GOD.

Difference was methodology. One, looking to God for illumination. The other, human understanding.

Therefore, Revelation was superior.

He experienced charismatic graces: Healings happened in his services. Would move into a state of spiritual where he was not present here(his mind was not where his body was).

Would not/could not reveal what he seen during these.

Boundaried by saying all that he had written could not compare to what he seen.

3 day stint of this near the end of his life. x

ASK:

NOTES:



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Apostles Creed

The Apostle's Creed (baptism confession in 2nd century Rome)

"I believe in **God Almighty**, and in Christ Jesus, his only Son our Lord, who is born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and was buried, and the third day rose from the dead, who ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father whence he comes to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy church, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and the life everlasting."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.