

“And when the Day Of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues (naturally unacquired languages), as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:1-4 KJV



A little background information on Pentecost. “A solemn festival of the Jews, so called because celebrated on the fiftieth day after the sixteenth of Nisan, which was the second day of the passover. It was called the feast of weeks, because it was celebrated seven weeks after the passover. It was instituted to oblige the people to repair to the temple of the Lord, there to acknowledge His absolute dominion over the country, and offer Him the first fruits of their harvest; also that they might call to mind and give thanks to God for the Law which he had given them at Sinai on the fiftieth day from their departure from Egypt.” (Webster’s Dictionary 1828)

“Was fully come” - When the day had arrived. The word used here means literally “to be completed,” and as employed here refers, not to the day itself, but to the completion of the interval (49 days) which was to pass before its arrival. This fact is mentioned, that the time of the Pentecost had come, or fully arrived, to account for what is related afterward, that there were so many strangers and foreigners present. The promised influences of the Spirit were withheld until the greatest possible number of Jews should be present at Jerusalem at the same time, and thus an opportunity be afforded of preaching the gospel to vast multitudes in the very place where the Lord Jesus was crucified, and also an opportunity be afforded of sending the gospel by them into distant parts of the earth.” (Barne’s Notes)

God makes no mistakes and His Foreknowledge and Plans are infinitely perfect! He gave the Law to Moses on Sinai the 50th day after the 1st Passover, knowing full well the Day of Pentecost would be the Day His Spirit descended upon men of faith. The utterance given them was on purpose to spread the Gospel to all the foreigners at Jerusalem at the time. *“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, ‘Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.”* The gift of tongues is given to convince the lost of the Truth of God. *“Wherefore tongues are for a sign, NOT to them that believe, but to them that believe not.”* I am fully aware that many disagree, and I do not wish to sow discord, so I’ll not debate it, but leave it to the Lord to reveal His Word to each of us in turn. That being said, the whole point of Pentecost was to initiate the spread of the Gospel to the whole world. I can imagine many who heard the men of Galilee speak in their own language, while they may not have themselves believed, were sure to carry the Word of Truth to their homeland by the very virtue of it being sensational news from abroad! To this day it remains just as sensational! We carry the Good News of Eternal Life and plant the Seed of God’s Word in the Hope it will find *“good ground.”*

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.’ Amen.” Matthew 28:18-20 KJV