

**Jesus Is Still Pouring Out His Spirit****1. Through His Powerful Word****2. To Fulfill Powerful Promises***Jesus Is Still Pouring Out His Spirit*

- “Come, HS, fill the hearts of your faithful ppl & kindle in us the fire of your love.” And on 1<sup>st</sup> Pent, exactly what HS did: filled hrts/mths/minds 1<sup>st</sup> discs/J & whole bunch brand new Xians; & kindled in them fire Xian faith. That 1<sup>st</sup> Pent day: awsm day! 50<sup>th</sup> day after Pssvr Sab. 50 days before this, when J died, city/Jrslm packd w/ppl celbrtng Pssvr. That GF night into Sat: Pssvr Sab (day/rest follwng Pssvr). But now 50 days later, city packd w/ppl again, now to celbrt hrvst fest called Wks or Pent. And as ppl fr all over wrld are celbrtng the hrvst, HS has a hrvst/souls. With sound/wind, tngs/fire, langs spkn, & Gos proclmd – J poured out Spirit, 1000s ppl came to faith, and Xian Ch was born. Pent: awsm day!
- That’s why we celbrt it ev yr – just like how in our Xian calndr, ev yr: J’s birth, epiph, bap, Supper, dth, res, asc – ev yr; wldn’t miss! But there’s smthng diff re Pent. Pent: not just one-time event. J: only born/died/rose once. And of course, those events have enormous ongoing signifc for us & salvtn. But only hap once. Today what I’d like emphsz w/you: Pent/HS hasn’t stopped; his work is ongoing. What hapnd in Ac 2: beginng of a Gos downpour that continues to this very day & will cont until Last Day. *Theme!*

*1) Through His Powerful Word*

- How? Thru pwrfl wrd. HS wrks thru wrds. I tch all my Cat stdnts: HS wrks thru MofG:Gos/W&S. God shares Gos w/us in Wrld/Bible/Scrptrs. And conncts Wrld to wtr/bap & brd/wine of Com. HS wrks thru wrds. We see that on Pent. All these ppl fr all these ntns are hearing wondrs/God, Gos/Xp in wrds they cld undrstnd. And when hrvst fest done, they’d go back home & sprd wrd re what hrd. Pt got up, prchd pwrfl Pent sermon using wrds; and his msg cld not be stoppd. I love how HS used sound/wind. Know: wrd/spirit, same as wind? And you can’t stop: wind; tornd/hurrcn. Just blows w/pwrfl, unstoppl force. It’s like that w/HS. He: holy wind that blows & cannot be stopped. I also love how HS used flames/fire that Ac 2 calls tngs. We spk wrds w/tngs. Gos is sprd when spk it w/tngs. And what fire do? 2 thngs: destrys & refines. Wrld/God destrys sin, pride, unholiness, false doctn, & eventually all unbels. Also refines our hrts; cleanses, purifies, sanctfs us. So w/ sound/wind, tngs/fire, diff langs – wrd/Gos sprd arnd wrld like unstoppl wind. Or thnk like this: Joel prphcy: **vs. 17b**. Pour – what say when raining hard? Pouring outside. And can’t stop rain; just pours dwn! When Doppler radar turn green/yellow/red, means we’re in dwnpour. That’s Pent! HS had always been raining down the Gos: thruout OT, here/there. But at Pent, a Gos hurrcn made lndfall; a deluge God’s grace rained dwn fr hvn w/unstoppable force.
- That still hapng today? J still pouring out Spirit? I don’t hear mirclous wind; I don’t think I have fire on head; and I know can’t speak in lang nvr studied. Smtms I think: wldn’t be awesome if we came ch (kids school) and prs/tchs were so visibly filled w/Spirit that literal tngs/fire came on heads & other miracles accmpnd our prchng/tchng. Ch/school’d be packed, just like Jrslm packed w/newly baptzd bels.
- But we don’t see those same mircls today, do we? Does that mean J has stoppd pouring out Spirit? No, J is still... How? Thru pwrfl wrd. Same L&G msg Pt prchd on Pent is what you hear at SJLC Sun/Sun. Same lessons J tght discs: tght in our ch classes & Luth school year-round. Same HS, who: hovrd over wtrs at creatn; wrkd faith in hrts/Hebrws; descndd upon J as dove at bap; verblly insprd writrs/Bible to record exact wrds/God; and was poured out on Pent – that same HS’s been poured out in hrt/bels of ev genrtn. Ev person who’s ev been a Xian, only became a Xian bec of work/HS. The only reason you are Xian is bec God poured his Spirit into your hrt. And until end/time, HS’ll continue fan into flame the fire of Xian faith in hrts of God’s ppl arnd wrld. That: HS’s ongoing wrk: to blow like wind, to be poured dwn like rain, to ignite fire/faith. So yes, J is still pouring out his Spirit – thru his pwrfl wrd...

*2) To Fulfill Powerful Promises*

- ...to fulfill pwrfl proms. Prom, as you know: only as good as one who makes it. Smone who freqntly lies – you probly not going bel their proms. I promsd my fam: this wk we’d go on fam vaca. I’m not a liar, but I suppose hyphtctly smthng cld come up that’d keep us fr leaving. Prom: always contingent on

ability/desire of prom-maker. God is prom-maker/keeper. He has both ability/desire to accmsh evthng he proms do. So when God makes prom, you can be absoltly certain that he'll keep that prom.

- Start w/J's prom of Pent. Sevrll times J promsd he'd send HS on Pent. In today's Gos: **"The Advct, HS, whom Fr'll send in my name, will tch you all thngs & remind you of evthng I've said to you"** (Jn 14:26). Also: **"[The Fr'll] give you anthr Advct to help you & be w/you forever – Spirit/truth... He lives w/you & will be in you"** (16-17). **"When Advct comes, whom I'll send to you fr the Fr – the Spirit/truth who goes out fr Fr – he'll testify re me"** (15:26). And right before ascndng: **"In few days you'll be baptzd w/HS"** (Ac 1:5). J promsd send his Spirit & kept that prom. J nvr brks his proms. If you've ever felt pain of smone brkng prom they made to you, you know how much that hurts. You nvr have to worry re that w/J. He's perfectly dependable & always fulfills his pwrfl proms.
- ✓ - God promsd send Sav; Bethlhm; of virgin; suff/die to pay/sins/wrld; rise fr dead; be w/us always; adopt us into fam thru bap; unite himself to us in HC. Tell me: what proms has God ever brokn? Here proms: **vs. 17-18**. That means reglr/ordnry ppl (like you/me, men/wmn, yng/old) – we all are empwrd to share Gos, to **"prophecy"** – maybe not in pub min as pr/tchr, but in persnl lives as ppl/God. So get out there & share your faith! HS'll be speakng thru you – that's a prom. Here's another prom: **vs. 19-20**. Kinda scary, but talking re end/wrld. God proms that he'll nvr stop sprding Gos arnd wrld until he brings this wrld to an end. Does that mean evone'll bel Gos? Certnly not. Even on 1<sup>st</sup> Pent: **vs. 13**. And so it is today: J is mockd; Xianity ridiculd; wrld laughs at us for belvng in J/Sav. Kinda makes us want huddle tog in **"house where [we] sitting"** & keep Gos to selves. But is that what discs did? No! Spirit filled them not only w/faith but also w/boldness to actually get out there & proclaim wonders/God. Shame on us when our timidity gets in way of ministry. Whether it's as indvcls (you/me), as cong (SJ), or as synod (WELS), time is now for us to speak msg Spirit has given us to speak – bec **vs. 21** – incl evone who hears/bels God's pwrfl Gos proms spread thru ppl like us.

### Conclusion

- At end/day, **vs. 41**. Pretty awesome day! Pretty awesome day here at SJ, too. Adult bap; big new member welcome. Spirit is at work. And maybe it's not quite as visibly impressive as was that 1<sup>st</sup> Pent – with sound/wind, tngs/fire, langs, & huge crwds being baptzd. But J: still pouring out Spirit. Pent was not just a one-time event. HS's wrk: pwrfl & ongoing! He still wrks thru pwrfl Wrld/God to fulfill pwrfl proms/God. This is the victory march of the Gos, which will not cease until God brings this wrld to an end. So to you, O HS, we offer our praise/thanks, and we pray: *"Come, HS, fill the hearts of your faithful ppl & kindle in us the fire of your love."*

### Acts 2:1-21, 40-41

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup>Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

<sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup>(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup>Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup>Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup>Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup>These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup>I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup>And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>40</sup>With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.