

# Overview of Pentecost



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## Sabbath Church of God

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# Countdown to Pentecost

Leviticus 23:9-11

9 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring **a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest** to the priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; **on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.**

Leviticus 23:10, 14-17

10 Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. 14 **You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God;** it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 15 And you shall **count** for yourselves **from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering;** seven Sabbaths shall be completed. 16 **Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath;** then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. 17 You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. They are the **firstfruits** to the LORD.

# Countdown to Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
						A Sabbath
Wavesheaf						
-----	+ 50 days					
Pentecost						

But start counting the day after which Sabbath?

# Joshua's example

Joshua 5:10-11

10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And **they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover**, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day.

## First Month c.1400 BC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
						14 <sup>th</sup> Passover
15 <sup>th</sup> First day of Unleavened Bread. Wavesheaf, then they ate.						

+ 50 days

Pentecost						
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# The Church began on Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

1 When the Day of **Pentecost** had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:38-39, 41-43

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day **about three thousand souls were added to them**. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

# The truth about the Holy Spirit

John 16:13

However, when He [1565 that one (or thing)], the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

1 Corinthians 8:6

yet for us there is only one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

Acts 10:44-45

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

# The truth about the Holy Spirit

1 John 5:6-8

6 This is He who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness [*in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.* 8 *And there are three that bear witness on earth:*] the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

1 Corinthians 2: 9-11

9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Luke 24:49

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with **power** from on high.

# Some are called now

Exodus 23:16

and the **Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits** of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.

1 Peter 4:17

For the time has come for **judgment to begin at the house of God**; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Genesis 3:22-24

22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**



# Some are called now

John 6:44

**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; and I will raise him up at the last day.

James 1:18

Of His own will He brought us forth [Interlinear: begat us] by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of **firstfruits** of His creatures.

Revelation 14:1-4

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. 4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being **firstfruits** to God and to the Lamb.

# Some are called now

Revelation 7:1-4, 9

1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. **One hundred and forty-four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: ...9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,