



## Pentecost or First Fruits Season

Pentecost was called the Feast of First Fruits in the Hebrew Scriptures. It shows how God is calling only a few in this age dominated by Satan. The majority will come to Jesus later -- in the millennium and in a resurrection and after those thousand years. The small group of first fruits was keeping this day in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit was poured out as the New Covenant church was born. Pentecost means to count 50 -- 50 days after Jesus' presentation to his Father as the First of the first fruits, which occurred the day after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Holy Spirit has revealed, however, that there is much more to this feast. Following are some of its meanings:

- Day of **release, reclaiming** and **restoration**. Release from anything that burdens you -- sin, debts, infirmity, commitments, disease, curses, bondages, vows – even extra body weight! Reclaiming (or celebrating the restoration of) all you have lost, whether it be family, freedom, health, love, lands, wealth, heritage, houses, authority, titles, respect, etc.
- Day of **celebration** – a birthday party time for those who have been born among the first fruits as sons and daughters of God. Day to celebrate in the Holy Spirit. Day to acknowledge and rejoice in the blessing of belonging to the Family of God. Day in which God rejoices in the birthday of His Family and showers them with gifts.
- Day of **claiming the promises** of God (of which there are more than 6000 in the Bible).
- Annual day of acknowledging all the **blessings and gifts** that have come from God.
- Day of **praise and thanks**.
- Day of **new beginnings**, moving in newness.
- Day of **prophecy**. The Hebrew Scriptures spoke much of the day when we would become His children and the Holy Spirit would be released to the church.
- Day for baptism in the Holy Spirit (being immersed in Him). He always releases a **new anointing** on this day – a **revival**.

*Memory device: picture a newborn baby, **released** into world. You **celebrate** him or her, **claim promises** for, accept as **blessing and gift, praise and thank God** for this **new beginning, prophesy** over and **anoint**.*

The **Jubilee number 50** has the following meanings (all arranged as **P for Pentecost**):

- **Patience** in waiting on God.
- **Plan** – trusting God to complete His plan for our lives.
- **Program** – a committing to the program of God for our life.
- **Past** – turning over past mistakes to Jesus. Celebration of freedom from past.
- **Problems** – complete turning over of all fears, doubts and blockages.
- **Position** of righteousness restored – Israelite backsliders on this day would touch the embroidered linen murals and the 50 golden eyelets and hooks they hung from and say prayers of restoration to righteousness. Various depictions of commandments and holy days adorned these tapestries.
- **Position** of authority and rule over the creation restored.
- **Power** of death over us destroyed
- **Power** of enduring, everlasting love. 50 is the golden anniversary in marriage. Gold represents divinity and righteous character.
- **Preparation** of the willing bride of Jesus- 50 days marked the time of completion in which the bride in Israel was to be prepared for the groom.
- **Purest** gold describes the prepared condition of the bride – the church.
- **Praise** dance that we dance before God is the strength and the joy of Jesus in us.
- **Pouring** out of 25 graces and 25 mercies from God – a total of 50.
- **Prudence**
- **Passion for Father God**, willingness to receive His love