

May 31, 2020 - The Spirit Difference

John 7:37-39

Acts 2:1-18

(V.1) - "The day of Pentecost" (Greek for fiftieth; Hebrew is Shavuot, 'weeks')

Also celebrated by the Jews as the day when God gave Moses the law.

NOW it would be celebrated by Christians as the day God gave us His Spirit.

We are justified through the Spirit, not through the law. (Romans 8:1-2)

- "They were all together" - in the upper room.

Still obeying Jesus' final instructions.

(V.2) - SOUND of a violent wind.

John 3:8

Hebrew word *ruah*, Greek word *pneuma*, both translate as either 'wind' or 'spirit', depending on the context.

(Vv.3-4) - "Tongues of fire" - Speaking other languages by God's presence.

- 'Tongues' came to rest on *each* person and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:5 - This is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- Being initially immersed in and filled with the Holy Spirit like when we are born again.

Immediately began to declare the wonders of God - the Gospel.

People do NOT seek God or respond to God unless God goes to work on them.

- Acts 2:47

All three signs of the coming of God's Holy Spirit - wind, fire and inspired speech - were all three known to be signs of the presence of God.

God made His very presence, His power, and His empowering known unmistakably.

AND, God made it known that it is only by His empowering that we can be witnesses for Jesus.