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“All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.” (1 Corinthians 12:11)

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A “strong driving” wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles gifts and fruits necessary to fulfil the great commission. It fulfils the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be “clothed with power” before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

The book of acts is filled with accounts of the early Church’s remarkable spiritual impact on the surrounding society. A transformation was so evident that nonbelievers accused the Christians of “turning the world upside down” (Acts 17:6). Pentecost serves as an annual reminder that our creator still works miracles, granting his spirit to those called to be the first fruits of his spiritual harvest, empowering them to carry out his work in this world.

Prayer

***Dear God, renew us with this pouring of the spirit so that we may bring forth fruits that please you.
Amen.***