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In this eighteenth year, we continue with our 2021 annual theme: "VICTORY OVER EVIL, JESUS WILL REVEAL IT" series. In the past four months we have published these series, "Revelation," "Crowds," "Conflict" and "Blueprints."

The events of Ascension and Pentecost often feel a bit forgotten during these Christian holidays, which includes the 50 days after the Resurrection. These first 40 days before Ascension day, we find him teaching that He is not a ghost but alive. Can we see Him saying, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe" and "It is best for you that I go away... If I go away, then I will send him [the Comforter] to you [[C John 20:26-29; 16:7 NLT](#)].

As we observe **Ascension Day**, the Day of **Pentecost** and move forward into summer the question asked is: **WHAT does Ascension and Pentecost mean?** In this, mid Spring, issue of JAMES DAVIS DOOR POST Newsletter we will examine "**ASCENSION**" and "**PENTECOST!**"

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WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS.

THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." ([Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV](#)).

"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"

ASCENSION AND PENTECOST!



THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ■ Fourth Year

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"ASCENSION AND PENTECOST!" Jesus was back, alive, and the hopes of a liberator was still not finished. It took quite some time before the apostles understood what has happened. Plus, how could they visualize what still had to come? They questioned what was true. What about all the old ideas of a revolution and deliverance? Jesus took 40 more days to talk about the Kingdom of God. He had already spoken about it so many times before. The time didn't seem enough to explain the mystery sufficiently. Everything still looked like a revolution, a deliverance, a greater act to bring peace. But how? The clarity is brought together around Ascension. A King is crowned. A kingship is heralded. But it's quite different from the expectations of Jesus' disciples. It would be more than just a liberation of a country, an empire, or even the boundaries of time. It was an kingship without an end [[C Luke 1:30-33; Acts 1:1-3 KJV](#)].

JESUS' REAL REVOLUTION: From Palm Sunday's welcome celebration of a liberator, to history taking a quick turn; Jesus' arrest, His death, then He lives again, the disciples are thinking there will be a leader's coronation celebration in the air. But everything is upside down. He's leaving. The Kingdom of heaven, the kingdom of Jesus, the revolution, the deliverance, is not like an ordinary revolution. This revolution was really the world upside down. Now it's talk of something coming [[C Acts 1:8](#)]. We don't expect it, nor did the disciples, but these events seem to be perfect ingredients to unleash a true revolution [[C John 12:12-19; Acts 1:4-8](#)].

ALL POWER: Jesus' 33 year mission on earth has not been really smooth. This number of 40 days shows up repeatedly during His mission, indicating big change [[C Matthew 3:17, 4:8-9](#)]. After the end of Jesus' mission, He is back on the mountain. Now life has brought massive changes. The biggest enemy of mankind, death, has been defeated... that was the mission. Here at the end, Jesus has rightfully received all power over the kingdoms of the earth. It cannot be a coincidence that the gospel describes this first and last scene, and that this is the beginning of a kind of a glorious campaign of a liberator. The last words of Jesus vibrate excitement: [[C Matthew 28:18](#)]. Hallelujah the command for the great commission and the apostles are on the way. Everything being part of the deliverance. "And keep in mind: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" [[C Matthew 28:20 AMP](#)]; and With this the mission can be continued.

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SEEK KINGDOM VISION:
“ASCENSION/PENTECOST!”
Pastor Eugene Collins, III

* BEYOND HUMAN VISION:

Death and the resurrection of Jesus indicates He first descended to Hades with keys to preach and liberate the dead of the old world before the flood [C 1 Peter 3:19-20].

* WHAT THIS IS: We don't know, but it clearly indicates that there is a layer beneath that what humans can see (Ephesians 4:10).

* NEW POWER: What could be better than Christ within us through the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Christ. Jesus never intended for us to try to do our Christian journey alone or in our own strength. We don't have to live our lives struggling and striving, when Jesus has provided a new way to live by His Spirit [C John 16:7, 13].

PASTOR'S PRAYER: is understand, and experience the tangible power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives.

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The Door Post

JAMES DAVIS EML Newsletter (Continued)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Deacon Harold Warden 5/18 RIP
Mariah Perez 5/20
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:
May Couples

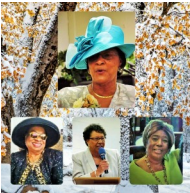
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HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

© God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wiser and ever enjoy His consolation, through Christ Our Lord. AMEN



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MOTHER'S DEPARTMENT
PRAISE AND WORSHIP,
C.O.G.I.C.



ASCENSION/PENTECOST! "THE DOOR POST" Feature Article

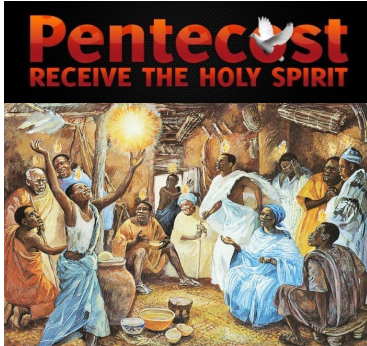
ASCENSION: perhaps we can image ascension as a majestic Coronation celebration of Jesus, the victor, after His victory over death. (C Ephesians 4:8,10-13 NLT). How would the heavenly reality have reacted when they saw the resurrected Christ coming in? Would trumpets have been sounding? Would the choirs of angels have been singing again?

ASCENSION CELEBRATION OF SAINTS! Maybe Jesus' church should hang out victory flags at Ascension time or something more. It is a coronation day, a deliverance celebration. It is the celebration of the glorious entry of the king who has personally liberated human prisoners. Our Savoir returns from the triumphal mission procession through hostile territory. It is a majestic day. It is a glori-

ous event. The rightful King sits on the throne of the heavenly Kingdom.

PENTECOST: The Promise of the Father comes in Jesus' final words. He gave strict instructions that seems to carry a deep sense of importance. He basically says, "Don't do anything! Don't make plans, don't wonder off, just gather together and wait ... until the Comforter comes." This is a critical moment for the disciples, it's equally a critical moment in each of our lives as disciples of Christ. This is a great lesson we can learn: to give space for the Holy Ghost to get in the middle (Acts 1:4-5). We must stop, still our hearts, pray, wait on God to fill us, empower us with power by the Holy Ghost. Then we must be obedient to it!

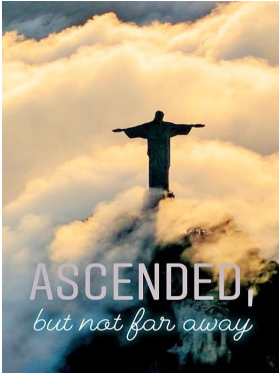
THE HOLY GHOST: COMING WITH PURPOSE!



THINK IMAGES: We must understand something about the Holy Ghost. We don't just receive Him in order to experience more of Christ, but actually so that we would represent Christ more. The ultimate purpose of the Holy Spirit is not just to make us feel good for a moment, but to transform us into a clearer image of Jesus. When we receive the Holy Ghost, our lives are not designed to act as a final destination, but rather a funnel, so that God's Spirit won't just flow to us, but through us.

AS WE GO OUT: as witnesses of Christ, empowered, we will quickly see we each have our own versions of Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and beyond. These are expanding levels of influence which start with those closest to us and go to those furthest away [C Acts 1:8 | John 4:17; 2 Peter 1:4; Colossians 2:10].

PONDER THIS PRAYER: Thank you, Abba, for giving us the Holy Ghost. We are so thankful for the journey of transformation you have called us to live. This Pentecost Sunday we ask you: help us lift up our eyes to see those in our pandemic world You have called us to reach. Amen!



Pentecost

Coming 50 days after Easter and ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, Pentecost ranks among the great feasts of Christianity along with Christmas and Easter. Known as "The Birthday of the Church", it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, ushering the completion of the work of redemption and the gift of faith for all nations.

