## The Christ of Pentecost

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NIV)

On Pentecost, Jesus pours out the Promise of the Father, baptizing every believer in the Holy Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is the life of God in motion.

He is the wind of God, the breath of God, the power of God.

In the Old Testament, the gift of the Spirit was limited.

It was given only to specific individuals

for specific times and specific tasks.

But Messiah came filled with the Spirit from birth, in unlimited measure.

The Holy Spirit of God conceived Jesus,

testified to who He was, and empowered Him throughout His life.

Jesus lived in the Spirit, spoke in the Spirit, did the mighty works of God in the Spirit, and died and rose in the Spirit.

Then, as the culmination of His ministry, after returning to the Father, Jesus poured out this Spirit on all believers, not for a specific task or season, but completely and forever.

The Spirit is the life of the Father and Son—
their presence and power dwelling among and within all believers.
What an incredible Gift!
And the Gift arrived just as Jesus had promised,
accompanied by undeniable sights and sounds.
This dramatic event proved that Jesus was Christ and Lord,
that He had died according to the scriptures,
had risen according to the scriptures, and
now He reigned at the right hand of God Almighty.

On Pentecost, Jesus poured out the Promise of the Father, immersing His people in the living, loving Spirit of Almighty God.

Hymn: <u>Pentecost Hymn</u>

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