

PPT – “Pentecost – The Church is Born”  
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

## **Today we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost.**

### **Acts 1:1-9**

1-3 “The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.**”

4-6 “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7-9 “And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

10-11 “And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

### **The Birth of the Church**

Acts 2:1-4

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

- God started the Church.
- God created the Church.
- God brought the Church into being, and it is His Church, not ours.
- We are just a part of it and It’s essential for us to realize that.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”

### **Bishop, Dr. Bill Hamon – The Final Reformation and Great Awakening**

*God could not find a man who could fulfill His next major purpose to bring redemption and reconciliation of man back to God. Therefore, God sent His own Son to become a mortal man.*

*Jesus became the only human to be fathered by God Himself.* Hamon, Bill. *Prophetic Scriptures Yet to Be Fulfilled: During the 3rd and Final Reformation* (pp. 195-196). Destiny Image. Kindle Edition.

1 Peter 2:9-10 “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

- The Church was God’s idea from the beginning.
- The Church is the bride of Christ.
- The Church is God’s plan for sharing the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- God wants the church to stand for the truth, His truth, and to be unshakable in our presentation of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- The Church belongs to God. It is His Church, not ours.

### **The Mission Of The Church**

Bishop, Dr. Bill Hamon – *“Everything Jesus will do on earth will be done through His Church. We are not referring to a local church or some denomination but to the one, universal, many-membered, corporate Body of Christ that is the Church. We are talking about what Daniel refers to as the saints of the Most High, who shall possess the Kingdom and are given governmental power to execute the judgments written.”* Hamon, Bill. *Prophetic Scriptures Yet to Be Fulfilled: During the 3rd and Final Reformation* (p. 23). Destiny Image. Kindle Edition.

### **Acts 2:5-15**

5-7 “And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?”

8-11 “And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

12-15 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this

mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. (Joel 2:28–32)

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16*

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

Go, make, and teach disciples to obey. That's what Jesus said, and that's what the Spirit came to empower us to do.

### **The Goal of The Church**

The goal of the Church is to establish a unique fellowship equipped for the mission of sharing the gospel of the Kingdom.

Ephesians 4:11-13 "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

### **Read Acts 2:37-41**

37-39 "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

40-41 "And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."

### **Freed from a life of Slavery and Darkness.**

Colossians 1:13-14, For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

We are called to be different people, a different culture.

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