

THE PROMISED GIFT- PENTECOST

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Acts 1:1-5

Memory Verse

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about." (CEV)

Acts 1:4



CASEY'S DAY

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Have you ever had someone promise you something that you were really excited about? Maybe it was a fun trip you couldn't wait for or a present you had always wanted. Being promised something fills us with anticipation, and when that promise is delivered, it can be the best feeling in the world.

After Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he spent time preparing his disciples for his departure. When he was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded them of the gift his Father had promised them. It was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would go with the disciples as they traveled into the world, sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone they met. This gift would allow them to teach others about Jesus and discern right from wrong. It would even help them heal sick people and speak languages they didn't know. But on top of everything else, this gift would always remind them who Jesus was and that he was always with them.

Did you know that the same gift is promised to *you* as well? God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It's an old promise that is still good for you today!

With the gift of the Holy Spirit, you can share the good news about Jesus with your friends and family. The Holy Spirit will help you, giving you the words to say. The Holy Spirit will also remind you that you are not alone and that Jesus is with you wherever you go. One of the greatest gifts *ever promised* was promised to you. And receiving that gift should excite you more than any other gift you've ever received.

Prayer

Father God, thank you for promising to send your Holy Spirit to me. Help me use this gift well and learn all there is to know about who you are. Guide me as I share your gift with those around me. Amen.

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