

Pentecost I will pour out my spirit

Way in: Share any experiences we may have had of 'Holy Roller' churches.



Read Acts 2:1-21.

What do you know about Pentecost, also called the Feast of Harvest or Festival of Weeks? Look at Exodus 23:16, Deuteronomy 16:9-10. Why is it appropriate that the Holy Spirit was given on Pentecost?

Look at God's desire to pour out his Spirit on everyone, 'all flesh' v17,18

Does that include you? Discuss.

Does that include your church members & even those you don't like?

Is there anything which disqualifies a person?

Consider the Spirit's role in equipping Peter (and us) for ministry

How does a person receive the indwelling Spirit?

What has your own experience been?

Read John 14 v 8-17.

What are the roles of the Holy Spirit in these scriptures?

What promise from these verses means the most to you and why?

Share your experiences of welcoming the Spirit's life and ministry within you

What more do you want to know personally and as a church?

How can you help each other to learn?

Read Romans 8v14-17

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our adoption?

What does Romans 8:17 mean for us in this day and age?

What theme emerges that might tie these scriptures together?

What else did you find in any of these scriptures that we have not already discussed?

Application:

How would you describe the Holy Spirit working in your life?

How do you worship in the Spirit?

How do we evangelize, accept, and make room for all?

