

# The Church Empowered

Acts 2:1-13 ... January 15, 2017

## PENTECOST

### Old Testament historical significance

- 'Pentecost' means 50
- Was known as 'Feast of Harvest' ('Feast of Weeks')
- Held 50 days after 'Feast of Firstfruits' which was after the Passover Sabbath (*Exodus 23:16; Leviticus 23:15; Deuteronomy 16:9-10*)

### Old Testament spiritual significance

- It was the second of three major feasts where all males were required to appear before the Lord (*Exodus 34:22-23*)

### New Testament

- The Holy Spirit will come on this day and a new harvest of souls will happen

## THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Came at the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection in Jerusalem
- Felt and seen by all those gathered in the house of meeting
- Those gathered became able to speak in "other" tongues as the Spirit allowed

## RESULTS OF THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- People were hearing the gospel in their own language
- Crowds gathered, bewildered and amazed
- Some people rejected it and accused them of drunkenness

## APPLICATION