



NEW LIFE

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MINISTRY

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After Pentecost By Vince Dorazio

The Day of Pentecost was a special day in the lives of the disciples of Jesus and all of mankind. This was the day that God chose to give His Holy Spirit to all creation.

The feast of Pentecost was not a new feast day. It was a day of celebration dating back to the days of Moses. But long before this day was a celebration of the gift of God's Holy Spirit on all of mankind, Pentecost was a Jewish festival that celebrated the beginning of a new life. It was known as the Festival of Weeks, seven weeks and one day (50 days). It was the counting of 50 days from the day of the Passover and the time Moses received the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). It was a reminder to the Israelites that their redemption from slavery was not complete until they received the Torah. Freed from their bondage of slavery and idolatry the Israelites were now given a New Life in the Lord God

So it was no accident that God chose this special day of celebration to give us His



gift so that we may live a new life in His Holy Spirit! As with every festival there is much celebrating with family and friends. There are a wide variety of foods and drinks, along with dancing and enjoying the occasion. And on this festive day in Jerusalem there was much activity and celebration, as people came from different towns and villages to celebrate the new life of the Festival of Weeks (Pentecost).

Prior to this day, only a few special people were selected by God to have the presence of the Holy Spirit

for specific reasons; people like Moses, Joshua, David, and of course Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Now God saw fit to allow all of creation to receive the Holy Spirit. The conditions were simple that day as Peter had mentioned; Repent, Accept Jesus as Messiah, and Receive the Holy Spirit!

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

The message that Peter gave was simple, direct, and straight to the point. Nothing has changed since that day to today. The message is still the same; simple, direct and straight to the point!

If we want to have a personal relationship with God, then we must repent of our past life (sins) and accept Jesus as our Savior. Then, and only then will we receive God's Holy Spirit and the gifts of His Holy Spirit!

AFTER PENTECOST

After the celebration of the festival day of Pentecost as people went their separate ways, those who received the Holy Spirit and became disciples and followers of Jesus began telling other people of their new life in the Holy Spirit and that **Jesus is Lord, the Messiah, the Christ!**

In the beginning, those who experience this new life in the Holy Spirit were referred to as the **"New Way"**. Eventually, the believers and followers of Jesus were called Christians, because they believed and accepted Jesus as their Christ, their Messiah. They continued to spread to Good News in a simple and direct way that **JESUS IS LORD!**

SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Shortly after I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and began attending Charismatic Prayer meetings, I attended a bible study program and discussion at the parish I was attending. It was a weekly program hosted by the parish priest. There were about 20 or so people in attendance. We were reading the Gospel of St. Luke.

The first week we introduced ourselves and were told to bring our bible and note books. We each read a few short lines from chapter 1, as we went around the room.

The priest began with the first line and began with a background of the times in which St. Luke wrote the Gospel. He then began "dissecting" some words and their meaning in Greek, etc. He was very knowledgeable in

Ancient History, and for a while it seemed that we were back in a high school class studying Ancient History again. Since the program was only an hour per week, there was little time left to read only a few lines of chapter 1.

The following week, less than half of the people returned. We continued where we left off with more of the same. While it was somewhat interesting, it was obvious that this was not what we thought it would be. The following week there were only a few of us there and it was discontinued. What happened?

"Repent and be baptized,* every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
(Acts 2:38)

Most people are not scholars and bible readers. So word meanings (dissecting) and ancient historical conditions are not instrumental to a general bible discussion program. Generally, most people want to know what the gospel message was saying to the people back then and what does it mean for me today. Basically, ***the simplicity of the Gospel message!***

And what is that message? It hasn't changed since the first Day of Pentecost when God sent us His Holy Spirit and St Peter and the other disciples told the crowd that

JESUS IS LORD!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETINGS

There are many prayer groups that offer a Life In The Spirit Seminar that introduces new people to a new life in the Holy Spirit and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. But what happens after the seminar is over? How many people begin attending the weekly Charismatic Renewal Prayer Meetings? From my inquiries --- very little if any. In some cases the new people never attend a Charismatic Prayer Meeting.

The weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting is a place where those who have experienced the new life of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit can now continue to exercise God's gifts together, just as those who received God's gifts on that first day of Pentecost. The gift of the Holy Spirit does not end with the last seminar; it continues.

If you have not been attending a weekly prayer meeting lately I urge you to begin today. God did not give you His gift of the Holy Spirit to just keep it in a box in a closet. We have all heard the saying ***"use it or lose it."*** Jesus tells us the same thing about using God's gifts, ***"He also told them, "Take care what you hear. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you. To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."***
(Mark 8:25)

I encourage you to attend a prayer meeting and begin using your gifts of the Holy Spirit that God has given you!

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Growing In Christian Faith Seminar

What is there after you have been through a Life In The Spirit Seminar?

We have put together a one day seminar on growing in Christian faith and are offering it to all parishes and prayer groups. This seminar will be helpful to **all** Christians to continue to grow in the Holy Spirit.

The seminar will include three major talks on **Growing In Christian Faith** and include informal discussion and sharing groups. A guide booklet will be given to each registered person. The seminar is offered on a **free-will offering**.

We are beginning to schedule dates now for future seminars. For more information, or if you would like to sponsor this seminar at your parish or prayer group please call us at New Life at 612-243-9411 to schedule a Saturday date.

This seminar was also recorded on two CD's that can be used as a mini retreat day for your group and/or adult Ed groups.

Cost for 2 CD set and Booklet is \$15.

Send to:

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Prayer Request

Are you in need of a prayer request? Send us your individual prayer request and we will add your request to our daily prayer list. Also please remember to add to your daily prayers all those in need of your daily prayers. Send your request to:

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Please also pray for the New Life Renewal Ministry that we may do all that God asks of us as we continue to proclaim;

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Healing & Restoration

Last month we sponsored a Day Of Renewal on "Healing & Restoration with Fr. Don Piche. At the conclusion of the day everyone was anointed with the sacrament of the sick oil by Fr. Piche. In addition, a bottle of blessed oil was given to everyone in attendance.

The talks were recorded on 3 CD's; two by Fr. Piche and one by Vince Dorazio.

To receive a copy of the CD's and/or a bottle of blessed oil, please send in your request and a donation to cover costs:

call 612-243-9411

**Cost for the CDs is \$5 ea.
Blessed Oil \$5**



Notice

New Life Renewal Ministry is an outreach ministry of the People Of Joy Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group. Our mission and ministry is to spread the gospel and to proclaim that **Jesus Christ Is Lord!**

Mark Bjorkstrand and Vince Dorazio are available to share at your weekly prayer group or at an event, such as a Day Of Renewal, you are sponsoring.

For more information please call:

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or

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**Twin City Area Wide
CHARISMATIC RENEWAL REVIVAL
MEETING**

**Thursday, 7:30 PM
June 28, 2012**

**St. Albert's Catholic Church
3200 East 29 St. Mpls
(Enter 32 Ave side door)**

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**Come join with us to proclaim
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**