

## Unification through Pentecost

Acts 2:1-6

A. Looking at Christianity today, we see many denominations and divisions.

1. Why? Mainly, because of our differences in the interpretations of the gospel, and differences of opinion over the application of the gospel in everyday life.

B. How can we best serve Jesus and God?

1. The origin of Christianity is in the upper room of Mark's house. They prayed in unity and the Holy Spirit came down.
2. Why did Pentecost not continue every day?
3. If the right conditions for Pentecost were to occur today, then the Spirit of God would come back to the churches. Miracles and the power of God could come down in all of Christianity.
4. The unifying characteristic among Christians individually, surpassing denominational differences, is the common experience of Pentecost that they share.
5. Such phenomena multiplied from individual to family, churches, and society would be the base for the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.
6. The best way to serve Jesus and God is through unity. Unity would bring Pentecost, and by the power of Pentecost God's will could be achieved in the world.

C. How can this be accomplished?

1. RETURN TO PRAYER LIFE. We could all share in prayer, the vertical communion with God, regardless of what church we are. No matter what our faith, we are all children of the same Father, God. We are one family, and if we develop one family love it can be expanded to melt the world into one family.
2. Interdenominationally, we need to develop the longing for Christ that was felt by the people in Mark's house.
3. Our guideline today for unity and Pentecost is the Sermon on the Mount, where the concept of heat is expressed as the means to meet Jesus and God, and not our different forms of liturgy and baptism.

4. Whereas all churches emphasize different aspects of God, we should unite in Christ to experience the warmth of His divine love, so that He can experience His dwelling in us, the temples of God.
- D. Now is the time to emphasize unity and Pentecost, because we are at the consummation of human history, the final battle between good and evil, and the return of Christ. If Christ returned to day, he would return to a house divided.
  - E. Let us resolve to bring God back into the individual, family, church, society, and world, were He can truly dwell with us in unity.