1. We are focusing on the person of the Holy Spirit and His identity. This is the turning point of our study. **We now will begin to look at how the Spirit comes to us**. The Spirit was ***WITH*** the disciples while Jesus was physically with them, but the Holy Spirit would be ***IN*** the disciples after Jesus left them and sent His Spirit to dwell in them.
   1. **In John 14:17** we see that **it was to their *advantage* that Jesus would leave them**. They would know more of Jesus through the Holy Spirit indwelling them than they had known of Jesus when he was physically present with them.
   2. And we see in **John 16:8-11** that the Spirit would come and convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. This is what happened at Pentecost.
2. There is no such thing as a “personal” Pentecost. **Pentecost was an epochal, landmark event in creation accomplished by Jesus *once and for all*, like the cross and like the resurrection!** Jesus poured out upon the Church the very same Spirit who sustained him throughout his life... the very same Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit works in the Church the very same way that He worked in Jesus’s life.
3. In **John 7.37-39**, 6 months before his crucifixion, Jesus looked forward to the pouring out of the Spirit. It was at the Feast of Booths, during the last great day of the Feast (day 7). **“*For he who believes, out of him (Jesus) will glow rivers of living water.”*** Jesus is talking of the new way the Spirit will be given. During this ritual, on the last day of the Feast, the people quoted **Isaiah 12:3** ***“You shall joyously draw water from the well of salvation.”*** They were also remembering how Moses drew water from the rock in the wilderness. **Jesus is proclaiming himself to be the Messiah, the fulfillment of this ritual**. Rivers of living water (the Spirit) flow out of him to those who believe in him as Messiah. We remember that after Christ died on the cross, his side was pierced and water and blood literally flowed out of him. **The promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit is literally fulfilled on the day of Pentecost**.
4. In **Acts 2** the Spirit falls on the day of Pentecost, and tongues of fire appear on the disciples as the Holy Spirit is poured out by Jesus. The pouring out of the Spirit is what transformed the disciples; and they began to turn the world upside down. They had been obedient to remain in Jerusalem to wait for Jesus to send forth the Spirit—another helper, as Jesus had promised in John 14: 16, to be with them forever. **So... Pentecost is not about what happens to *me* but about what Jesus does for *the whole Christian Church.***
5. **There are a series of things that show the significance of Pentecost**.
   1. **Acts 2:2**: there came **a mighty rushing wind**. This is about the power of the Holy Spirit. The mighty wind of God bringing forth **a new order of creation**.
   2. **Acts 2:6:** the **speaking of different languages** through the tongues. This is the **reversing the consequences of the Tower of Babel**. A new community is appearing that removes national and cultural boundaries. The *internationalizing* of the people of God is beginning here.
   3. **Acts 2:9-11:** there is a **list of all the nationalities present**. It underscores that the ancient promise to Abraham is being fulfilled: **all the nations would be blessed through him.**
   4. **Acts 2:17 (**and following): the prophet Joel is quoted as stating that **the last days have begun** because of the pouring out of the Spirit. **The Spirit comes to EVERYONE, not just prophets.**
   5. **Acts 2:21:** a **fulfillment of Psalm 2** is happening. **The nations are being given to the Son by the Father, through the pouring out of the Spirit.**
   6. **Acts 2:33:** the outpouring/forthpouring of the Spirit **fulfills Jesus’s promise to the disciples in the upper room.**
   7. The Spirit has been poured out once for all and is available to any and all who come, and believe, and are thirsty. **The Holy Spirit flows to us from Jesus, the rock.**