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THE HOLY SPIRIT



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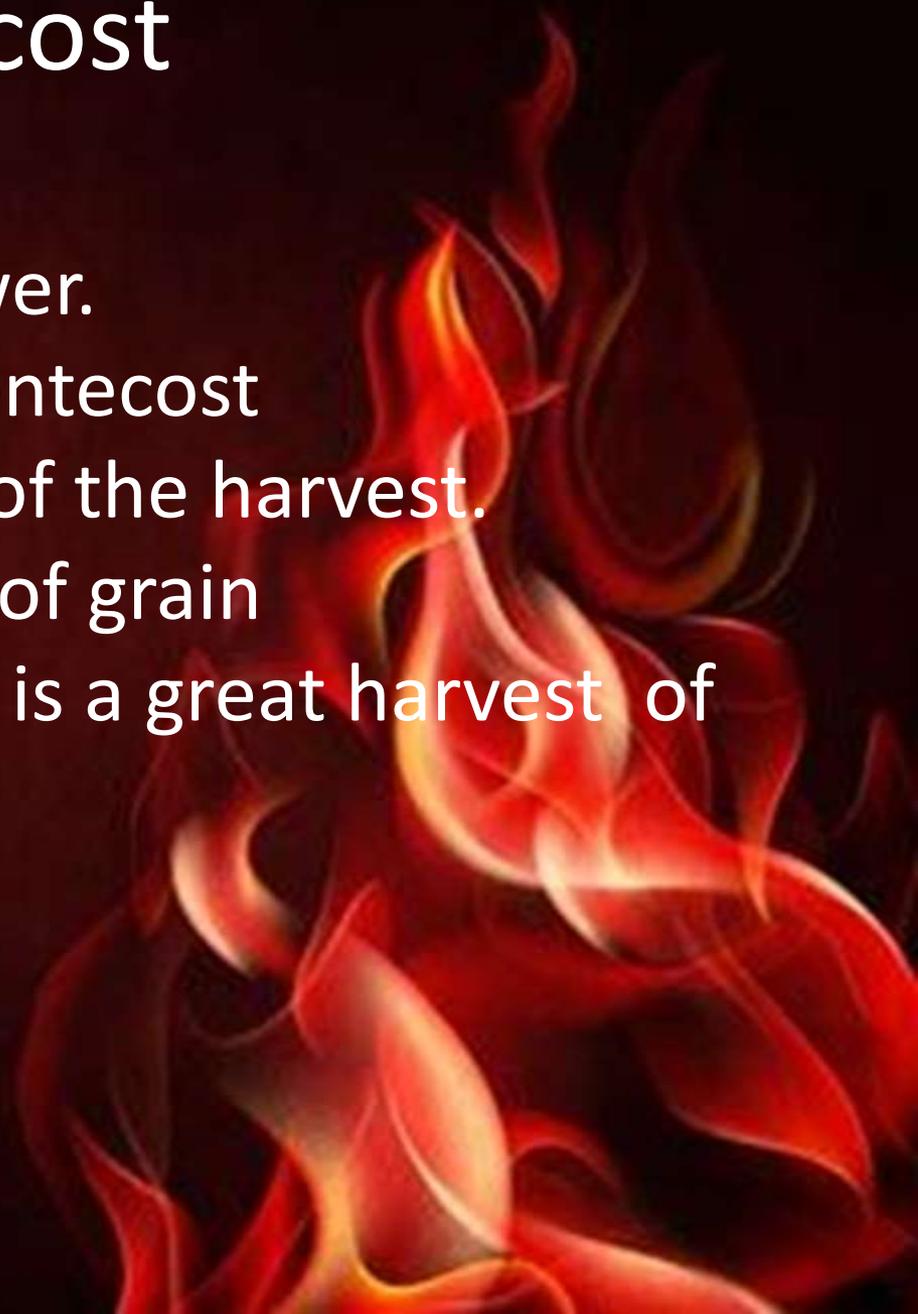
Acts 2:1-4 Pentecostal Power.

The Church was born at Pentecost

Pentecost is a celebration of the harvest.

For Israel, it was a harvest of grain

For the Church, Pentecost is a great harvest of
the Spirit



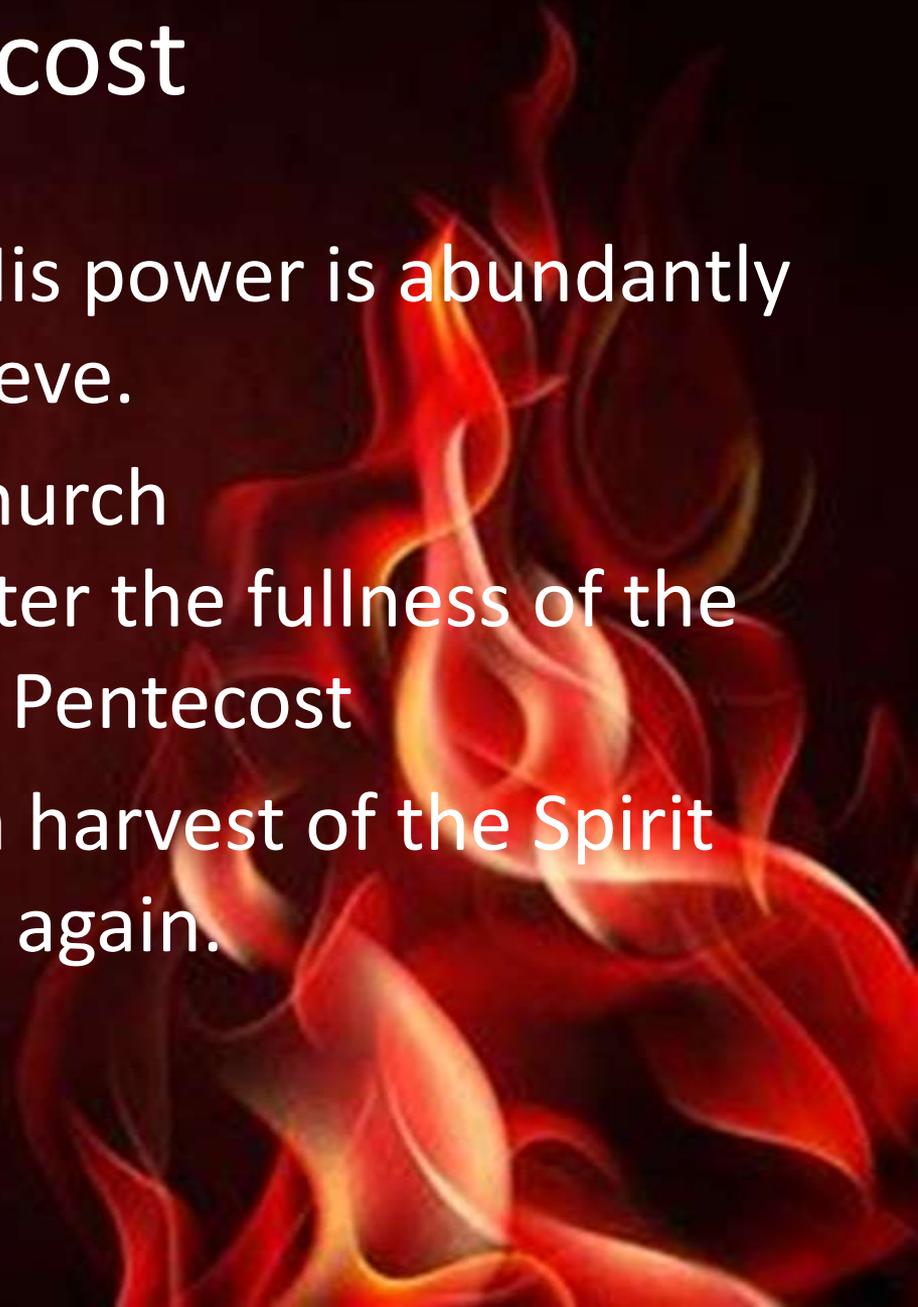
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- Because of Pentecost we reap a harvest .
- Power to be a witness
- Ability to be renewed and transformed
- Life in God's presence



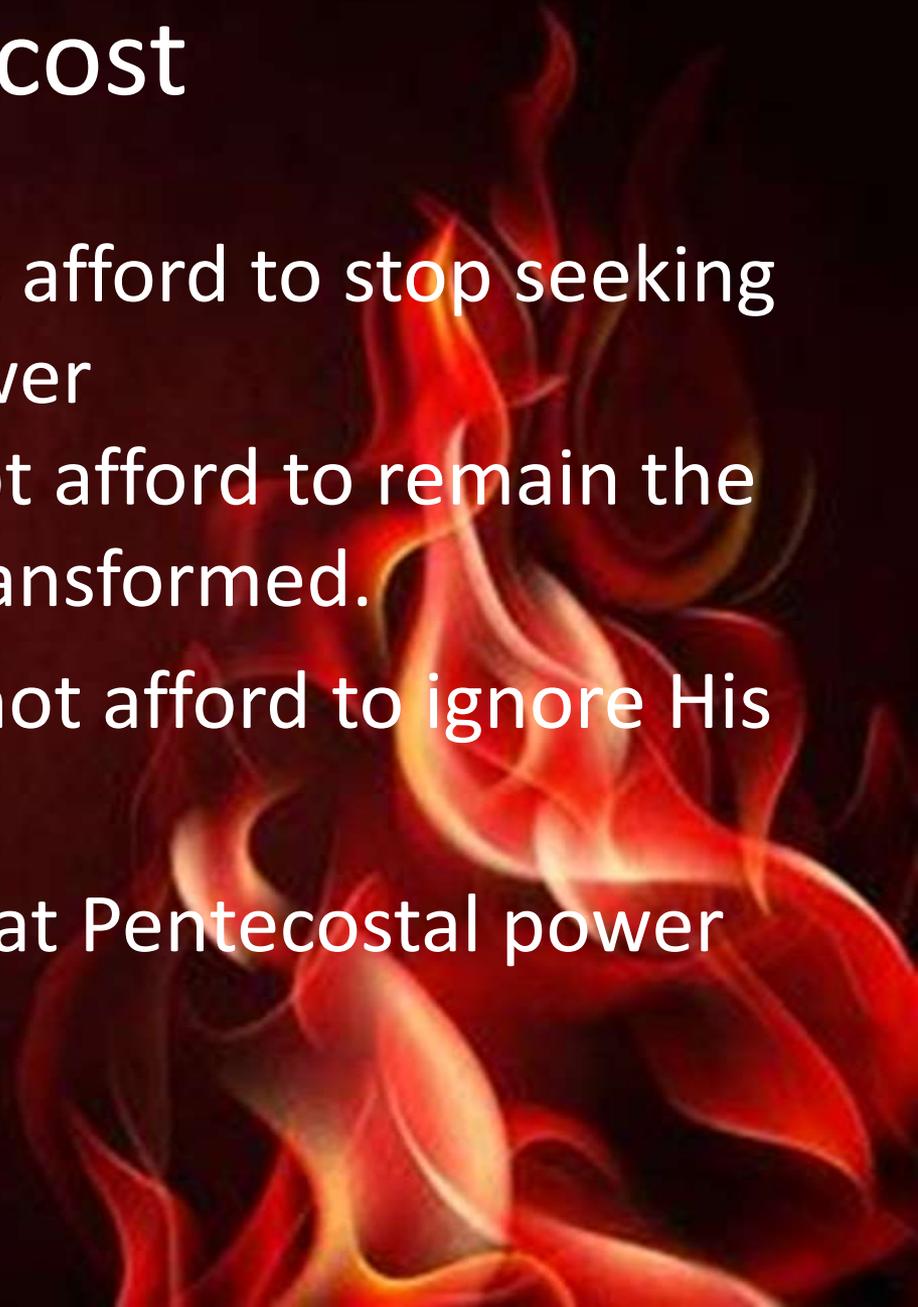
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- Because of Pentecost, His power is abundantly available to us who believe.
- We are a Pentecostal Church
We identify and seek after the fullness of the Spirit just as they did at Pentecost
- I believe that we need a harvest of the Spirit of God in our lives once again.



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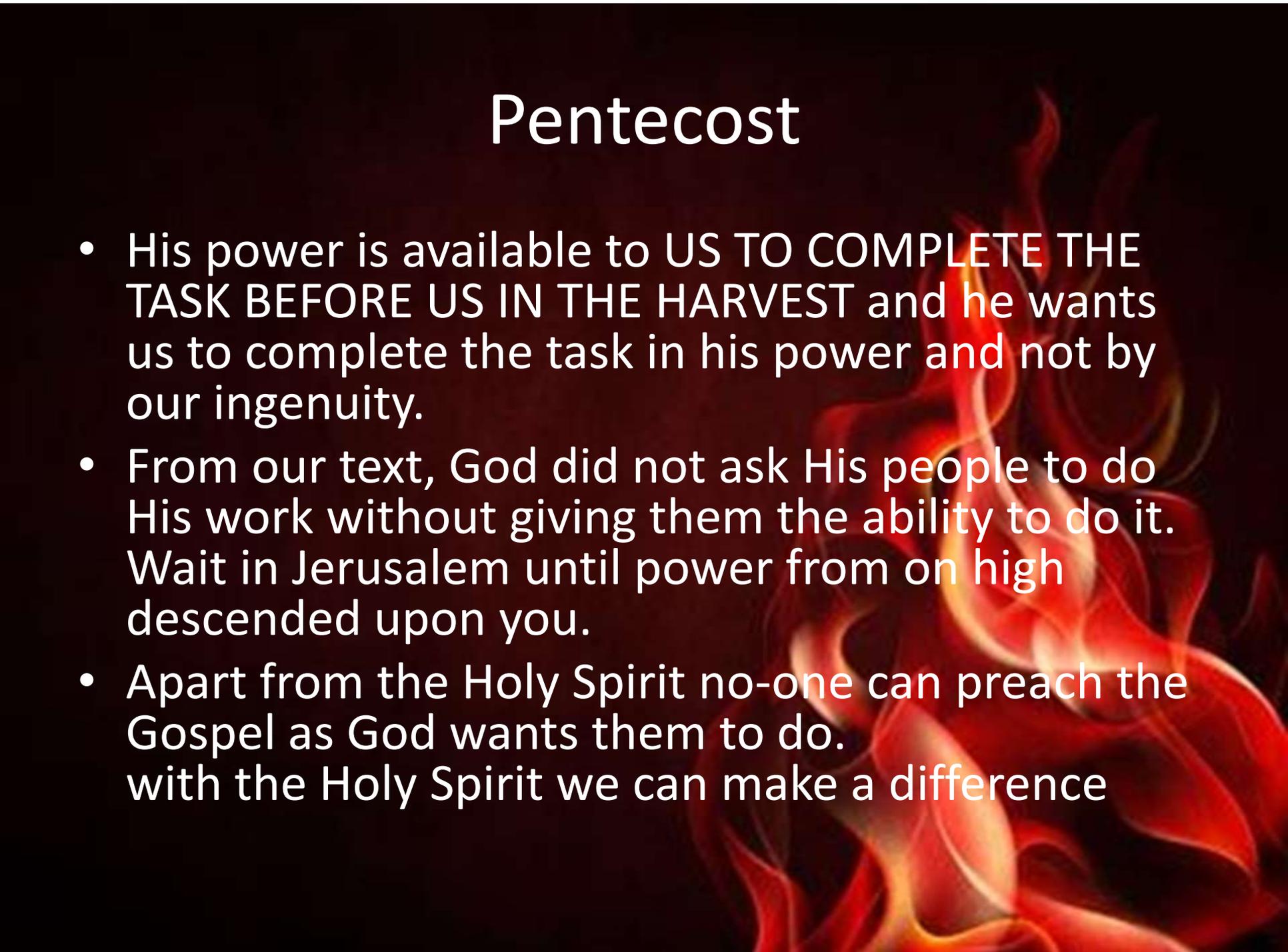
- As **witnesses** we cannot afford to stop seeking to be filled with His power
As the **church** we cannot afford to remain the same, we need to be transformed.
- As His **children** We cannot afford to ignore His immediate presence
- We as a **church** need that Pentecostal power once again.



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- WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE WE NEED POWER to witness Acts 1:4
..he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.
- Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

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- His power is available to US TO COMPLETE THE TASK BEFORE US IN THE HARVEST and he wants us to complete the task in his power and not by our ingenuity.
- From our text, God did not ask His people to do His work without giving them the ability to do it. Wait in Jerusalem until power from on high descended upon you.
- Apart from the Holy Spirit no-one can preach the Gospel as God wants them to do.
with the Holy Spirit we can make a difference

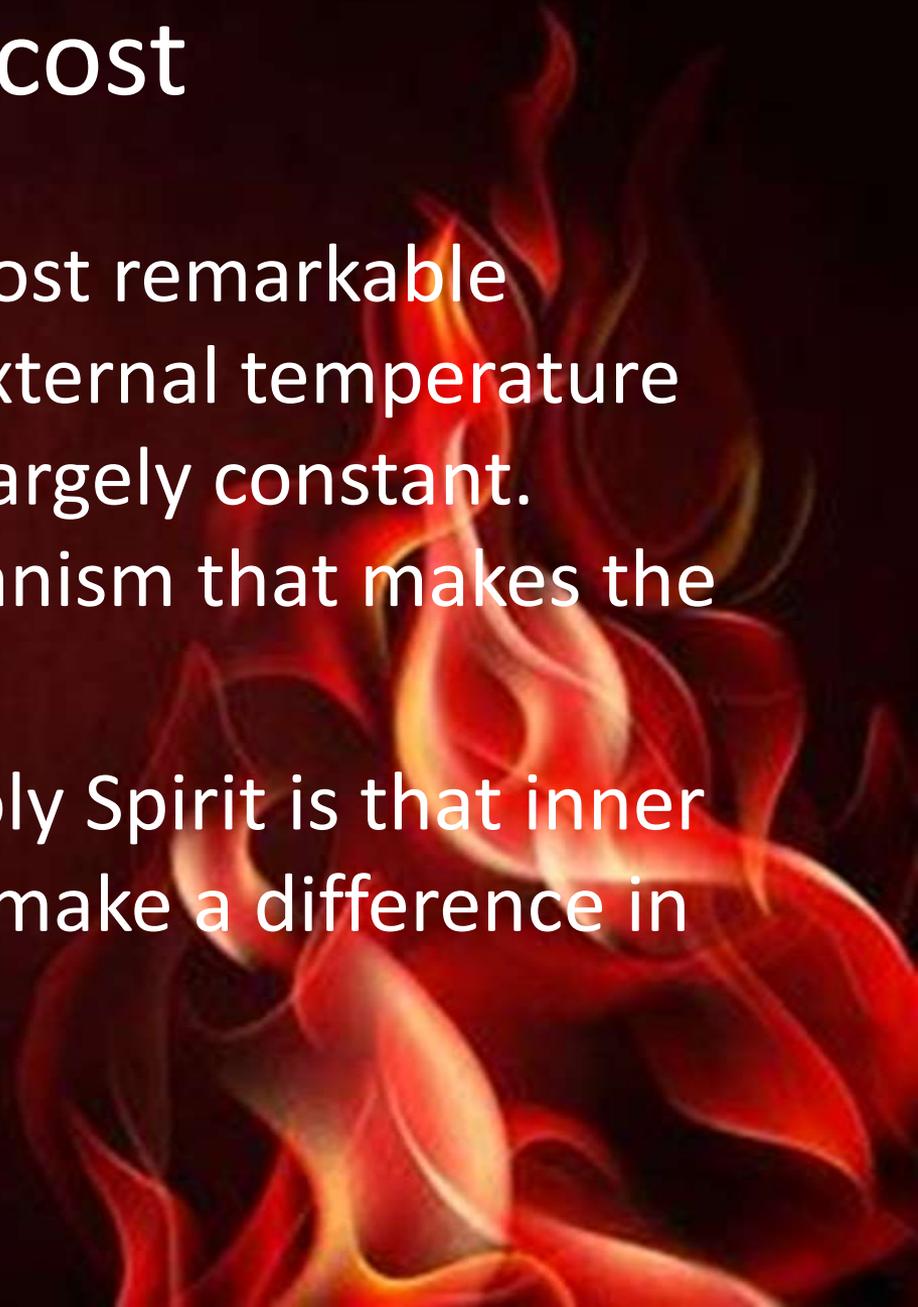
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- We need to be like The New Testament Church that saw the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the NORMAL experience for empowering believers to preach the Gospel
- They knew and understood that without Him we won't make much of a difference in this world.

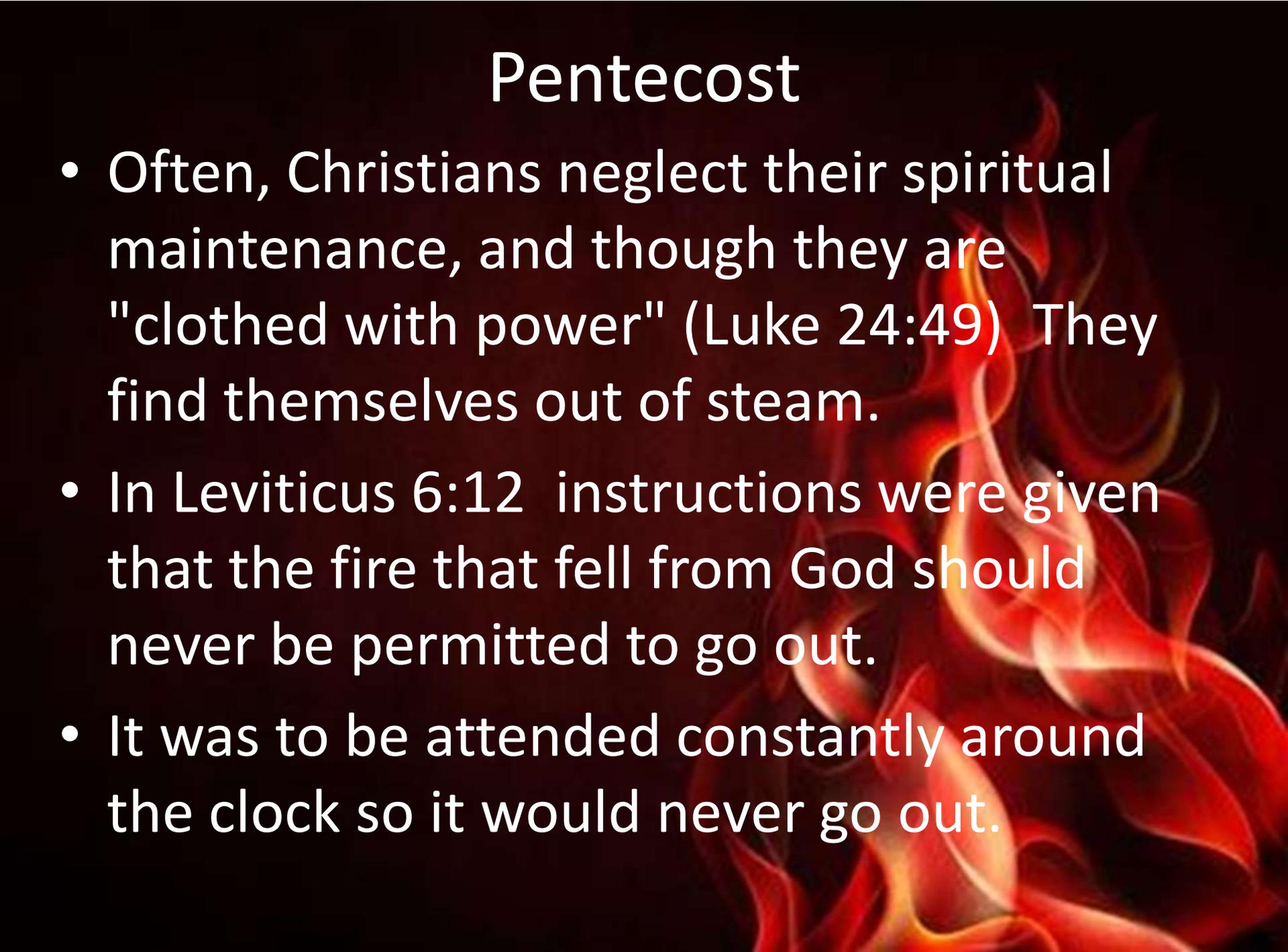


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- The human body is a most remarkable machine. Despite the external temperature our core heat remains largely constant. There is an inner mechanism that makes the difference.
- For the Christian the Holy Spirit is that inner Mechanism, to help us make a difference in this world.



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- Often, Christians neglect their spiritual maintenance, and though they are "clothed with power" (Luke 24:49) They find themselves out of steam.
 - In Leviticus 6:12 instructions were given that the fire that fell from God should never be permitted to go out.
 - It was to be attended constantly around the clock so it would never go out.
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- The fire of the Spirit of God in our lives should never be allowed to go out!
The Bible says 1 Thes 5:19 *Do not put out the Spirit's fire*
- The people of God that are **Walking** in the Spirit **Flowing** in His gifts, **Cherishing** his presence and **Stirring up** the fire he has placed within us are going to make a difference in this world in these last days.

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Acts 2:1-8

- WE NEED ANOTHER PENTECOST
- WE NEED TO BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE



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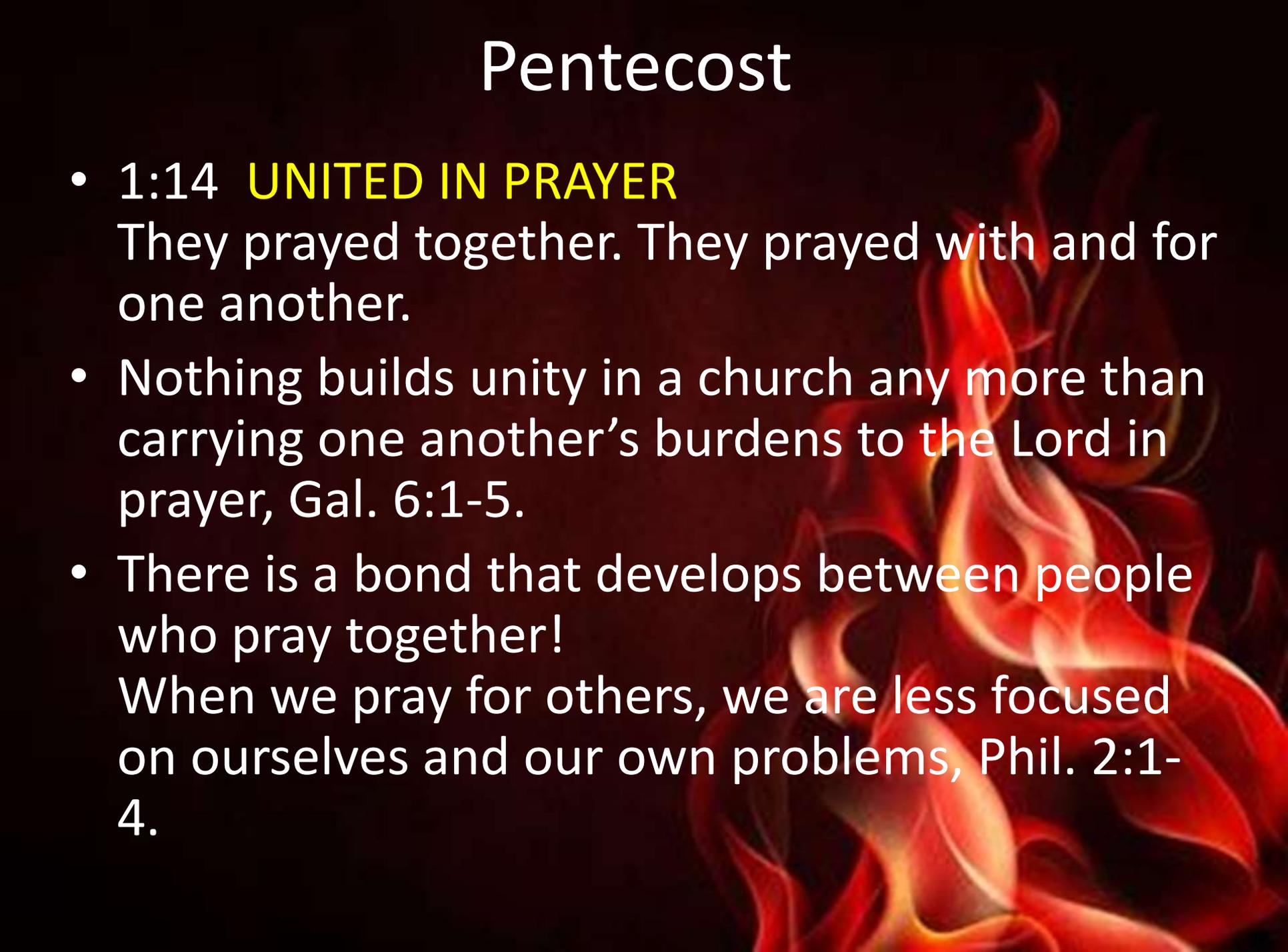
- 1:4-5 **UNITED IN PURPOSE**

They waited on the Lord together.

This same trait should mark the church.

- Phil 1:27 – We are told to “strive together”. This phrase means “to work together as athletes”.
- We are a team! We are to work together, for the glory of God, carrying out His will in the world.

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- 1:14 **UNITED IN PRAYER**

They prayed together. They prayed with and for one another.

- Nothing builds unity in a church any more than carrying one another's burdens to the Lord in prayer, Gal. 6:1-5.

- There is a bond that develops between people who pray together!

When we pray for others, we are less focused on ourselves and our own problems, Phil. 2:1-4.

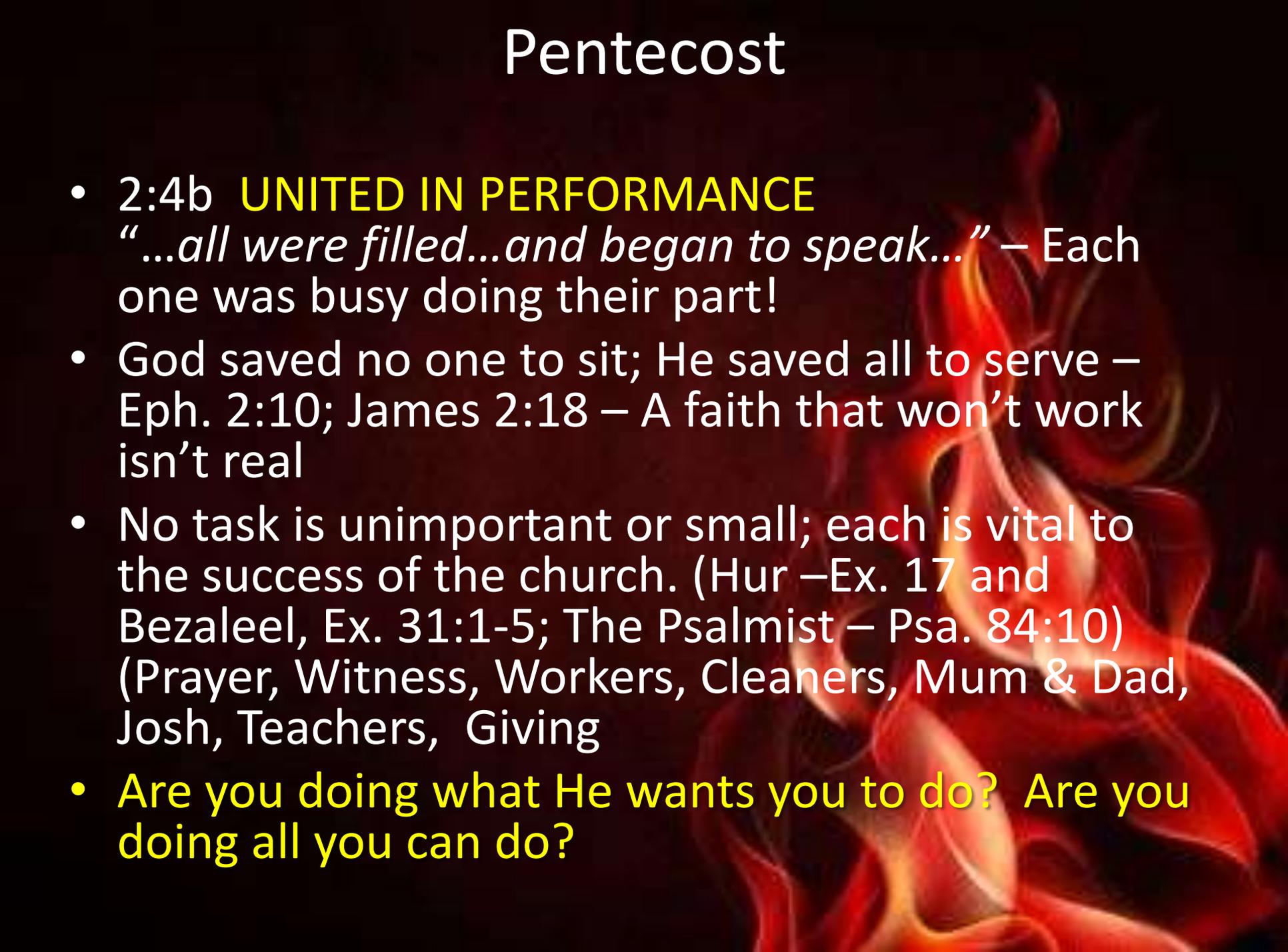
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- 2: 3-4a **UNITED IN POWER**

They were “all filled with the Holy Ghost”. The unity of the early church came about because they were all right with God and filled with the Spirit of God.

- This unity produced amazing results:
 - They preached the same message, 2:11;
 - They believed the same things, 2:41-44a;
 - They carried the same burdens, 2:44b-45; 4:34-35.
 - They loved the same things, 2:46-47.

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- 2:4b **UNITED IN PERFORMANCE**
“...all were filled...and began to speak...” – Each one was busy doing their part!
- God saved no one to sit; He saved all to serve – Eph. 2:10; James 2:18 – A faith that won’t work isn’t real
- No task is unimportant or small; each is vital to the success of the church. (Hur –Ex. 17 and Bezaleel, Ex. 31:1-5; The Psalmist – Psa. 84:10)
(Prayer, Witness, Workers, Cleaners, Mum & Dad, Josh, Teachers, Giving
- **Are you doing what He wants you to do? Are you doing all you can do?**