



The Zion Letter

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Your Own Personal Pentecost

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Johnny Cash sang an old Depeche Mode song called "*Personal Jesus*." To Cash, it was a song about finding faith and deliverance thru turning to the Messiah Yeshua, Jesus. One verse says, "*Feeling unknown and you're all alone flesh and bone by the telephone; Lift up the receiver I'll make you a believer, I will deliver, you know I'm a forgiver, reach out and touch faith, reach out and touch faith, reach out and touch faith...*" The essence of Shavuot (the Hebrew name for Pentecost) is a harvest festival using the imagery of abundant sheaves of fresh cut wheat to represent the great world harvest of souls begun in Acts chapter two, each one of those souls finding The Redeemer personally. There is also the Ruach Ha Kodesh (The Holy Spirit). You see in the Old Covenant the Torah was given on Shavuot/Pentecost and 3000 died at the foot of Mt. Sinai for idolatry (see Exodus 32:28), but in the New Covenant 3000 souls were saved on the day of Pentecost, receiving the gift of eternal life!

2 Corinthians 3:6 says that in Messiah, God "*made us competent as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*" The first Shavuot/Pentecost of Moses represented the giving of the Letter, the second represents the giving of the Spirit and the empowerment to obey God's law and live a Holy life! So we no longer have to go up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast or to the Tabernacle in the wilderness to bring our sacrifice. "*But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises,*" *Hebrews 8:6*. We need only to reach out and touch faith. Meeting our personal Redeemer opens doors that only existed for prophets and patri-

archs in the Old Testament. Our personal Redeemer opens doors to portable salvation and access to spiritual gifts that we can take with us any day, anywhere, and is not limited to the Temple in Jerusalem on the Feasts!

The Monopoly Parable:

In the game of Monopoly you can't get to Connecticut Avenue, St. Charles Place, Tennessee Avenue, Marvin Gardens or Boardwalk unless you pass "GO" and collect \$200! In the same way, you can't get to Pentecost unless you meet the Lamb of God on Passover. In fact you can't get to Shabbat, Sukkot, Yom Kippur or any Biblical holiday to its fullest extent without first encountering the Passover Lamb, Jesus the Messiah. It doesn't have to be the actual day of Passover to encounter the Lamb of God. I met Him on Valentine's Day 1996. This year, four young people met their Redeemer the month **after** Passover as I was preaching about Him. But once you know the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, He goes with you wherever you go. If you tell people about Him they might ask to know Him too. Other times people see Him in you because you are Messiah-like. And still other times He's right there and they don't see Him at all... Don't feel bad, Yeshua had the same problem. Many met Him and believed and many others rejected Him. The point is we each must experience the ultimate Passover and make Him our own personal Jesus before we can move on to Pentecost, Shabbat, Sukkot or anything else...

Your own Personal Pentecost:

As I said, Shavuot/Pentecost is metaphorically about bringing in the first fruits of the wheat harvest (representing the ingathering of the Gentiles as believers in Yeshua). But it's also about the outpouring of the Ruach (The Holy Spirit) and thus the giving of Spiritual gifts. The gifts are listed mostly in 1Corinthians 12, and some in 1 Corinthians 14. They include word of wis-

dom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, helps, miracles, prophecy discerning of Spirits, different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues. Also included are the gifting of prophets, teachers, pastors, apostles and evangelists. These are gifts of leadership. The greatest gift is love we are told in chapter thirteen. Paul says that we should ***“earnestly desire the greater gifts,” 1 Cor 12:31.***

The Importance of Spiritual Gifts:

Moses was given great spiritual gifts by God before Shavuot/Pentecost was even taught to the children of Israel! Moses walked in miracles, signs and wonders mostly, but he was also a prophet (see DT 18:18). For all you New Testament only folks, that means that the five books of Moses are prophecy. So if they are prophecy, then perhaps they are still applicable today? (See 1 Cor 10). The Bible of Jesus

and the one He quoted was the Old Testament. But I digress. Joseph and Daniel walked in Spiritual gifts, specifically word of knowledge and prophecy. They both interpreted dreams and prophesied future events! Then there was Elijah and Elisha. These prophets had gifts of healing and miracles as well as word of knowledge. Remember when Elisha told the

King that the price of wheat and Barley would drop overnight while the city was still under siege (2 Kings 7:1)?

The New Covenant scriptures describe Yeshua/Jesus performing miracles, turning water to wine, feeding the multitudes, raising the dead, healing the lame, casting out demons, prophesying the fall of Jerusalem, using word of knowledge (the woman at the well) and more... When the Ruach Ha Kodesh was poured out on the disciples on the day of Shavuot/Pentecost in Acts chapter two, they began to walk in the gifts of the Spirit too! Acts 19:11 says God was doing such extraordinary miracles by Paul's hands, that even handkerchiefs and aprons that touched his skin were brought to the sick, and the diseases left them and evil spirits went out of them."

Conclusion:

Many say that the gifts were only for the apostles, but if you pray for the sick and believe in the power of prayer



for healing, then you are walking in a spiritual gift. Paul said, ***“But earnestly desire the greater gifts,” 1 Cor 12:31.*** I have seen the mute tongue opened, the deaf hear, the blind receive sight, the wheelchair bound walk and demons cast out by my hand through God's power. I have walked in word of knowledge predicting Donald Trump's presidency in February 2016 as well as his agenda against terror, Iran and his military build-up. You can order the CD's if you like. I am just an ordinary man who believes in the power of God yesterday, today and forever.

The spiritual gifts were given in the Old and New Testaments to help the lost believe in the God of Israel (think of Elijah on Mt. Carmel). The supernatural gift of tongues was given for the edifying of the body. In Mark 1:29-34, Yeshua healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever.

Because of this miracle, word spread throughout the town and that night many sick people came back and Yeshua healed them of sicknesses. Why did they come? Because the people told others of the miraculous healing of Peter's mother-in-law. About a month ago a young girl came to our weekly prayer meeting with a fever. We anointed her and I commanded the fever to leave her in Yeshua's name and the fever immediately left. But the town did-

n't come to our synagogue to be healed after that. Why not? The answer is probably because people didn't spread the word. I'm not trying to lay a guilt trip, I'm just exhorting people to either walk in the gifts or spread the word when you see a healing or a prophecy come to pass. God will reward you and your spiritual gifts will turn into fruit. Remember, if you want spiritual gifts and you want to be able to take the power of Pentecost and the Gospel with you, you need to desire the gifts and ask God to give them to you and to help you win souls. Paul wrote, ***“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”*** Don't let life pass you by without asking for and using the fullness of what God has for you, because one day you'll have to stand before Him and give an accounting. If you missed the Spirit this Shavuot/Pentecost, worry not. Though we remember the holiday every year like Thanksgiving, we can walk in the power of the Gospel and the Gifts all year long!

In His love,
Rabbi Joe and Dawn

Update from Joe and Dawn

Dear For Zion's Sake Family,

We had a wonderful Passover Seder Banquet this year on April 15th. We raised a little over \$10,000 for needy in Israel! That is a container potentially full of clothing, medical equipment, shoes, eye glasses, blankets, coats etc. Special thanks to artist William Bledsoe for painting two special pieces for the event: One a nighttime scene of downtown Bristol (The Birthplace of Country Music) and the other a painting of the Church of All Nations by the Garden of Gethsemane. We still have some authentic reproductions available for a suggested donation of \$500 or you can purchase the originals (contact us for amount). The Dance presentation at the banquet was so beautiful and Rabbi Joe's teaching always has something new! All in all people said it was a great evening!



Many ask about Joe's family and his personal health, and we so appreciate your ongoing prayers. Joe's Mom has been battling congestive heart failure and leaky heart valves that are inoperable. She is now in hospice and we are praying about the right time to go and see her this summer. Please forgive us for getting the newsletter out late, Joe's Mom has been the priority.

Joe has been doing well mostly. He began taking essential oil supplements internally as well as applying the oils externally. His blood counts began to rise and of the three critical counts, two went into normal range! Amazing! Of course your prayers for his healing have played a major part too! God is our healer.

Rabbi Joe taught a five week series on

Shavuot/Pentecost beginning May 6th and God has given him tremendous new revelation about the Feast of Pentecost. We highly recommend that you get the message if you are able. It is a 5 CD set for a suggested donation of \$45 plus \$3 shipping.

Rabbi does not make appeals very often, but we have been going through a slow period for a couple of months so we encourage you to pray about putting For Zion's Sake Ministries, Inc. on your monthly giving list. Help Rabbi Joe continue to bring great teachings to the world! Join us on live stream at www.forzionsake.org Saturdays at 10:45 AM (sermon begins about 12:30 PM).

Also, Rabbi has been putting regular devotions on Facebook so "like" us and check out our page. May God grant you the desires of your heart!

In Yeshua's love,
Dawn Bell

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- 6/3/17 "Pentecost, the Key to World Revival"

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