**A New Beginning: A New Season**

**God’s Promise as Introductory Verse (**Isaiah 43:19-21)

* God is doing a new thing
	+ He will guide us continually (Isaiah 58:11-12)
* This is made possible through his Holy Spirit which is celebrated on the day of Pentecost

**The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).**

* Pentecost was the second of the three great harvest festivals of Judaism, coming between Passover and Tabernacles. In the New Testament (cf. 1 Cor. 16:8) it is referred to as “Pentecost,” which means *fiftieth* in Greek.
* OT refers to as the Festival of Weeks or of the First fruits, Exod. 23:16; Deut. 16:9.].
	+ The first term referring to its coming a “week of weeks” after Passover,
	+ Secondly an offering of two loaves prepared from the wheat harvest was made on this day.
* Pentecost was reckoned as coming exactly fifty days after the first day of the Passover.
* It was a day of “solemn assembly,” and all work ceased.
* It was also one of the most popular pilgrim festivals, even more so than Passover, which was likely due to the improved weather conditions by the time of Pentecost.

This is the fullest account we have in Scripture. Exactly fifty days after the resurrection of Christ, the promises made concerning the coming of the Spirit were fulfilled. The Holy Spirit came to a company of disciples wait­ing in Jerusalem. This was the commencement of an entirely new work of the Spirit as foretold by the prophets (Joel 2).

**The Holy Spirit and The Believers Isaiah 61:1-3**

**Holy Spirit Gives Us Power for Service**

Jesus used the Greek word "*dynamo*” (translated "power"), from which we de­rive our word "dynamo." A dynamo is a machine that generates a consistent and continuing supply of power.

* After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples for 40 days.
* Jesus gave His believers a very special and wonderful promise: “…I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever.”
* Jesus has not left us alone in the world. He has sent us the Holy Spirit.
* Our service will be acceptable only if done in the power of the Holy Spirit.
* Holy Spirit is Accomplisher of service through the Believer.
* He works through cleansed and yielded vessel.
* Two-Fold Nature & Objective of all true Christian Services
	+ Evangelizing the World – Salvation of Sinners.
	+ Building up the Church – Sanctification of Saints.
1. **The Holy Spirit Gives Power and Boldness to Witness.**

The Holy Spirit comes upon a believer and causes him to be a messenger of good news. In this world, which is filled with bad news the spirit filled child of God, comes as a carrier of good news with a message of hope to this dying world

*And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness”.* Acts 4:31

*"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me...* "(Acts 1:8).

1. **He Brings a Fresh Understanding of the Word of God.**

 *John.16:13 says, “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” (*1 Cor.2:9.,10.)

1. **He Fills our Spirit with True Worship to God.**

*18And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”* Eph.5:18,19. (Jn. 4:24)

1. **Powers in the Place of Prayer.**

**“***Praying in the Holy Spirit"* (Jude 20). *Praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit” (Eph. 6.). In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what We ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for its with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's* will” (Rom 8:26,27 NIV).

1. **He Produces the Fruit of the Spirit in the Believer's Life.**

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith; meekness, temperance; against such there is no law"* (Gal 5:22.23).

The natural man - no matter how refined or educated he may be, cannot produce the Fruit of the Spirit. God's character is seen in us, only when God the Holy Spirit lives in us who believe.

**6. He Encourages Us to Bind the Broken Hearted**. Isaiah 61:1
The Holy Spirit comes upon a believer and causes him to be a healer of broken hearts. In this world filled with people who are broken hearted due to sorrow, disappointment and loss, the Spirit filled child of God comes not to add to the suffering with insensitive remarks and cruel criticisms but will be a channel of peace and restoration.

**7. He Introduces the Supernatural Realm. Isaiah 61:1; Mk 16:15**

 “*There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:* (1 Cor.12:5-8) Acts 19:6
The Holy Spirit comes upon a believer and causes him to bring deliverance to people who are bound by various satanic oppression and fears and curses. In this world filled with people under bondage to so many evil forces the spirit filled child of God comes as a deliverer to set the captives free.

**Conclusion:**

Holy Spirit came to enable believers to have a continuous fellowship/communion with the Father so we can do what we see Him doing.