May 15, 2016 Pentecost Sunday "A Greyhound And A Kite!" (Acts 2:1-21)

Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the _____.

The word "spirit" in both Hebrew and Greek means " or "_____."

The ______ breathes new life into the believer and gives us the lift we need to ______ the presence of God in the world.

The word "Pentecost" is literally translated "_____."

The poet, W.H. Auden says the miracle of Pentecost was not only the gift of tongues, "but was equally the gift of !"

The miracle was not only what was said but what was _____. Each heard and understood in his own language.

How does this story connect with our lives? **#1.-** First of all, Pentecost is a _____ thing.

Most often in life God works through processes to bring His _____ into being.

If you are waiting for something to happen in your life as a sign that God is calling you, you will probably miss God's call!

#2.- At Pentecost, God ______ in such a way that no openminded person could ______ that this was a God-breathed event. First there was the _____ and the tongues of _____. Then there

was the gift of inspired _____.

The wind, the tongues of fire, the speaking in different languages all said this is not from , but from !

The best indication this event was from God was the instantaneous _____ that took place in the disciples, especially _____.

Here is Peter on the Day of Pentecost before an enormous crowd, boldly declaring that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. And miraculously souls are added to the church!

#3.- God-things are still happening anywhere people will on the gift of God's Spirit and _____ God's Spirit to do great things _____ them! That's the place of ______ in our lives.

I hope you don't come to church like you come to a _____ or a theater, to be fascinated or to be _____.

I hope you come here each week prepared to receive a life-changing _____ with God's Spirit!

A picture of many churches today is, the respect and worship go on, but there is no !

We don't gather in this place each week to simply pay our to the crucified Christ.

We gather here in the expectation that we might ______ Him in this place and that He might us with His Spirit!

On that first Pentecost a new movement began and it _____ today.

Today it is in our _____!

Is the fire still burning? Is the wind of the Spirit still blowing? Are the waters still being parted?

May Pentecost 2016 be a time when God's Spirit fills each of us and helps us become what God has called us to become!

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