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Under The OC dispensation, Pentecost or Feast of Weeks, The Wheat Harvest was both in remembrance of God’s Law being given to Israel at Sinai and prophetic of what was later fulfilled through and by Jesus Christ.

Under The NC Pentecost (count 50) was 50 days after the Barley Wave Sheaf Offering.

Pentecost was historically and actually accomplished 50 Days after Jesus Christ was presented too, and accepted by Almighty God as the only satisfactory sacrifice for the sin of all mankind, the first born from the dead, previously represented symbolically by the first-fruit of the barley harvest which was the first crop to be harvested as illustrated in God’s Redemptive Harvest Festivals Plan.

God’s Plan for the ultimate Restitution, Restoration and Reconciliation of all things.

Speaking of Christ Paul writes:

***Col 1:15*** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

***Col 1:16*** *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

***Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. :18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; :20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled :22******In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:***

Pentecost now under the New Covenant, illustrates the time when God’s Holy Spirit was made available at the beginning the Pentecostal Age.

Today I would like to look at what it really means for us to be led by The Spirit of God.

However, Firstly because God’s Holy Spirit and everyone that is led or guided by His Spirit should be developing God’s character which is AGAPE LOVE, Let us look at AGAPE LOVE as it is explained in Scripture: ***1Co 13:4-8***

It is very easy to read or hear these verses without actually having eyes to see or ears to hear:

***1Co 13:4 (NASB)****Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous;*

In reading these verses we can substitute God for the word love or Charity so as to help in our understanding, for God is actually AGAPE **1 John 4:8**

so… God is patient, God is kind, etc.

*love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, (*God is always calm, controlled, and at peace*) does not take into account a wrong suffered,(*God Doesn’t reckon or count our provocations but willingly forgives us only wanting us to have a true change of heart*)* ***1Co 13:6*** *does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;****1Co 13:7*** *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

**Bears all things** —Literally said of *holding fast* like a watertight vessel; so both GOD and the charitable or LOVING person *contains him or herself* from giving vent to what carnal selfishness would naturally prompt when under personal difficulty.

**believes all thing**s — means not suspicious, believes what is not demonstrably false, this doesn’t mean gullible it is more akin to trusting with a good conscience believe to the credit of another. Compare Jas 3:17, “easy to be entreated”; *Greek*, “easily persuaded.”

**hopes all things** — what is good of another, even when others have ceased to hope. So although others may have written us off, God has not and will not. Nor will we if we truly LOVE, others as being led By God’s Spirit.

**endures all things**— persecutions, disrespect, slander, being maligned, snubbed, ridiculed, bad mouthed, all slights, insults, sneers and derision and if and when these things happen we need to deal with these difficulties with a patient and forgiving loving spirit. And therefore when under severe provocation we need to remain, cool, calm and at peace knowing God is in control.

***1Co 13:8*** *AGAPE Love never fails; This demonstrates that God Never Fails*

However please don’t assume that these Godly qualities of love require consent with wrong actions or attitudes.

Neither AGAPE LOVE nor GOD is about soft sentimentalism or the condoning of sin as many wrongly assume.

IF we understand Agape Love, and that will actually relate EXACTLY AND DIRECTLY to how well we know and understand the nature of God.

We will then also understand that this patient, kind, and righteous attitude of AGAPE LOVE also necessitates, but only when applicable, the need for loving correction.

For example in child rearing.

This attitude or quality if you like of LOVE which is personified in GOD does not shy away from necessary punishment or correction, but always with the aim or goal of bringing about change, understanding, repentance and salvation. Godly correction is always remedial, helpful, beneficial and constructive in the fullness of time.

Just read what happened to Job, but I am equally certain none of us would want to volunteer to be the next Job.

AGAPE, Loving, or Godly chastisement, correction and or punishment is however never unforgiving, malicious, vindictive, or malevolent.

***Heb 12:5 (MKJV)****And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons, "My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked by Him;****:6*** *for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and He scourges every son whom He receives."****:7*** *If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father does not chasten?****:8*** *But if you are without chastisement, of which all are partakers, then you are bastards (not legitimate) and not sons.*

***Heb 12:9*** *Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence. Shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?* ***:10*** *For truly they chastened us for a few days according to their own pleasure, but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness*

( “Eternal Life” is the objective in God’s AGAPE love Plan that never fails.*)* ***:11*** *Now chastening for the present does not seem to be joyous, but grievous. Nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are exercised (*or taught and trained*) by it.*

Now having seen what the spirit of God produces let us briefly look at some OT examples, including Saul and David. Through the Prophet Isaiah, Christ’s ministry as well as through some examples in the early Church, and how even now in these latter days awaiting Christ’s return in Power and Glory we, that is all mankind desperately need this God given Spiritual empowerment, He wants us eventually all to have.

Claiming that we are led by the spirit as most church people do is not what is required, but rather the way we actually reason, think and are motivated to act.

I don’t mean act as in pretend I mean act as in actions.

**God’s Spirit always produces good**

**Gen 1:2 (KJV)**  And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**:3** And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**:4** And God saw the light, that *it was* good: **Gen 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good.

**Joseph after interpreting the Pharaoh’s Dreams and suggesting the solution:**

**Gen 41:34 (KJV)**  Let Pharaoh do *this,* and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

**:38** And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is,* a man in whom the Spirit of God *is?*

**Gen 41:39** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art:* **:40** Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. **:41** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

**In The Construction of the Tabernacle the Spirit of God is revealed**

**Exo 35:3**0 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; **:3**1 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

**70 Elders Appointed to Aid Moses**

**Num 11:17 (KJV)**  And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thyself alone.

**Num 11:25 (KJV)**  And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that,* when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

**Num 11:27** And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp.

**Num 11:28** And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them.

**Num 11:29** And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

**Elitism is or not wanting to share Gods gift is always wrong**

**Mar 9:3**8 John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us."

**Mar 9:3**9 But Jesus said, "Do not hinder him, for there is no one who will perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.

**Mar 9:4**0 **"For he who is not against us is for us.**

**Mar 9:4**1 "For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as *follower*s of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.

**Balaam**

**Actually a story for another day but donkey’s and wheat are relevant to Pentecost which is about and represented by the wheat harvest**

**Num 22:28 (KJV)**  And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

**Num 23:5 (KJV)**  And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

**Num 24:2** And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

**Saul represents Pentecost being crowned at the time of the Wheat Harvest**

**1Sam 12: 13-17**

**1Sa 10:1 (MKJV)**  And Samuel took a vial of oil and poured on his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because Jehovah has anointed you for a leader over His (that is God’s ) inheritance?

**1Sa 10:6** And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

**1Sa 10:7** And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, *that* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee. **1Sa 10:10 (KJV)**  And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

But as we know after he became King and his mind became elevated and superior, Saul’s actions quenched The Holy Spirit

**David on the other hand being humble and being humbled by his own carnality a man after God’s own heart represents what will become the Chosen Servant Leadership of Tabernacles and the Millennium.**

**1Sa 16:13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**1Sa 16:1**4 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

**The Lord's Chosen Servant obviously prophetic of Christ (applies not just to the head but also the body which we are called to be part of)**

**Isa 42:**1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in who*m my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. (Goyim which really means Nations)

**Isa 59:20** He shall come as a Redeemer to Zion and to those in Jacob (Israel) who turn from transgression, says the Lord.

**Isa 59:21 (NKJV)**  "As for Me," says the LORD, "this *is* My covenant with them: My Spirit who *is* upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore." [*Jer 31:33; Rom 11:26-27; Gal 3:29; Heb 12:22-24*]

**The Year of the Lord's Favor the Jubilee is also prophesied**

**Isa 61:**1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *i*s upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that ar*e bound;

**Isa 61:**2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD*,*

*Liberty the Jubilee and Restitution is as quoted by Jesus* *obviously descriptive of Himself and His message (Luk 4:18 .) likewise, for us or any other genuine follower or disciple this must also typify our mindset and actions, leading to Christ’s return.*

**Then in The New Testament these prophesies are confirmed immediately after Christ’s baptism**

**Luk 4:18 (KJV)**  The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **Luk 4:19 (KJV)**  To preach the acceptable year of the Lord**. Which is a Composite of Isaiah61:1 & Isaiah42:7**

**Mat 3:16** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

**Mat 3:17** And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

**Mat 4:1 (KJV)**  Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

**John the Baptist Exalts Christ**

**Luk 3:15 (KJV)**  And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

**Luk 3:16 (KJV)**  John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

**Joh 3:34 (KJV)**  For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*

**We then learn about the importance of God’s Spirit directly fro Christ:**

**Joh 4:2**3 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

**Joh 4:**24 Go*d* is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worshi*p h*im in spirit and in truth**.**

**Joh 6**:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto yo*u, t*hey are spirit, a*nd t*hey are lif**e.**

**Joh 15:2**6 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *eve*n the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

**Joh 16:**13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear*, th*at shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

**Paul also instructs us also regarding God’s Spirit**

**Rom 7:6 (KJV)**  But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**:4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**:5** For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**:6** For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.**:7** Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**:8** So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

**Rom 8:10** And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.**:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

**Rom 8:14 (KJV)**  For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**:15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**:1**6 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**1Co 2:11** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

**1Co 2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

**1Co 2:13** Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

**1Co 12:3** Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

**1Co 12:**4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**2Co 1:22** Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

That their own works i.e. The Galations could avail nothing towards their justification: - ‘we may see what is the difference between the Law and the Gospel. The Law never bringeth the Holy Ghost, but only teacheth what we ought to do: therefore it justifieth not. But the Gospel bringeth the Holy Ghost, because it teacheth what we ought to receive.

(1.) For the Spirit of God was given them in consequence of receiving the Christian doctrine, Gal 3:2-5.

(2.) That the works of the law cannot justify, because Abraham was justified by faith long before the law of Moses was given, Gal 3:6, Gal 3:7.

(3.) That the curse of the law, under which every sinner lives, is not removed but by the sacrifice of Christ, Gal 3:8, Gal 3:9.

5. That it is absurd for the sons of God to become slaves to Mosaic rites and ceremonies.

**Gal 4:6** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

**Gal 4:7** Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**Gal 5:16 (KJV)**  *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

‘the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts’, is in deadly antagonism to the Spirit—to the new and Divine nature, and to the Holy Ghost its Author. These stand eternally opposed to one another; and as both exist *in you*, ye cannot always do such things as ye would; comp. Rom 7:15-25. But if ye are led by the Spirit, this conflict implies not bondage but freedom—the freedom of sons; “for as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Rom 8:14.

**If and When we are led by The Spirit we must keep in Step with the Spirit**

**Gal 5:1**6  *Thi*s I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

**Gal 5:1**7 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**Gal 5:1**8 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. {Penalty of Death]

**Gal 5:1**9 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

**Gal 5:2**0 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

**Gal 5:2**1 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *yo*u in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Gal 5:2**2 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

**Gal 5:2**3 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**Gal 5:2**4 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

**Gal 5:2**5 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

All again confirmed in Ephesians 5

**The manifestation of God’s Spirit in us will be confirmed:**

**Not by form of belief but by the substance of how we live**

The Holy Spirit is represented as a fire, because it is to purge, purify, and refine us, God’s Spirit is to enlighten and quicken us, that is to give real life.

This Spirit is represented as being quenched when any of our actions, word or deeds, even thoughts are contrary to how it leads.

It is the Spirit of love, and therefore anger, malice, revenge, or any unkind or unholy temper, tends to quench it so that its influences is withdrawn; and then unless we repent our heart is left in a state of hardness and darkness.

**Luk 6:27 (NKJV)**  "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

**Luk 6:28 (NKJV)**  bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. The Greek word implies the coarsest insults, and Luke records Christ’s prayer for His murderers, Luk 23:34, the example later followed by Stephen, Act 7:60.

**Luk 6:35 (NKJV)**  But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; {These words can also mean **despairing in nothing,]** and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. {or as Matthew puts it 5:45] that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (God is not a respecter of persons and nor should we be)

**Luk 6:36 (NKJV)**  Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

And as Shakespeare expressed in “The Merchant of Venice” speaking of mercy.

“It is an attribute to God Himself, And earthly power doth then shew *likest God’*s

When mercy seasons justice.”

**1Th 5:15** See that none render evil for evil unto any *man;* but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men.***:16** Rejoice evermore.**:17** Pray without ceasing.**:18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**:19** Quench not the Spirit.