

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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The day of Pentecost falls on Sunday this year. It occurs fifty days after The Passover and marked the day that the New Testament church was born in the fire of the Holy Spirit!

FOUR PILLARS

These are the four major pillars upon which the Christian faith is built:

1. The incarnation of Jesus. **Luke 1:26-37**
2. The crucifixion of Jesus. **Hebrews 9:11-26**
3. The resurrection of Jesus. **Matthew 28:1-8**
4. The day of Pentecost. **Acts 2:1-4**

INTRUSION OF PAGANISM

Lucifer has worked diligently to destroy the four pillars of the church for the last 1,700 years. Through the pagan pollution, the spiritual power of the four pillars has been diluted and reduced to an occasion of holidays with pagan trimmings.

The incarnation of Jesus is recognized by the majority of Christian denominations, including Roman Catholicism, and the Greek, Assyrian and Russian Orthodox churches.

- ❖ The Son of God taking human form is recognized every year in December despite historical facts placing it in the middle of October.
- ❖ Santa Claus and Father Frost arrive every Christmas season marked by gift giving to everyone except the birthday person.
- ❖ Christmas parties are very popular, particularly in America, and it is traditionally a time where people can drink alcohol and enjoy wild parties.

The same lies and traditions are repeated every year:

1. Three wise men arrived at the same time as the shepherds to see Jesus in the manger. *It is assumed there were three wise men since three gifts were given to Joseph and Mary. The wise men arrived well after the birth of Jesus, hence Herod's order to kill all children two years old and younger. **Matthew 2:11, 16***
2. Churches are decorated with an evergreen tree. *This is a tradition from the worship of the demon god Tammuz. **Jeremiah 10:1-5; Ezekiel 8:14-17***
3. The Christmas Day dinner table features an oven baked ham courtesy of the old Vikings blood sacrifice to the demon gods of Oden, Thor and Freya.



See *The Truth About Christmas* for more information about the pagan origins of Christmas and what the Scriptures have to say about this holiday.¹

THE PASSOVER WEEK

The period known as The Passover Week begins on Palm Sunday. According to the New Testament, Jesus and the apostles observed the Passover meal on Tuesday night. After they had sung a song, Jesus led them to the Garden of Gethsemane where He asked Peter, John and James to pray with Him because the God-man was deeply troubled. The spiritual oppression was too great and the three men fell asleep.

Soldiers came with Judas and Jesus was arrested around 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. The kangaroo court held by the Sanhedrin condemned Jesus of blasphemy and the Son of God was subsequently taken to the Roman governor at 6 a.m. Jesus was hung on the cross by noon and His body died at 3:00 p.m. and He went to Paradise. The body of Jesus was taken down and placed in a tomb by 6:00 p.m. because the next day was special. **John 19:31**

Thursday was the High Sabbath of the Passover week and Jesus's body laid in the tomb until it was resurrected sometime between 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Satan has outdone himself in desecrating the Passover week by convincing most Christians that Jesus was crucified on a Friday and resurrected Sunday morning. The fact that the God-man stated He would be in the grave for three days and nights does not matter to the Christian leadership. The lie is repeated every year.

Why Jesus died on the cross is not discussed in most churches; instead, resources are directed to the Easter Bunny showing up on Sunday morning and the children participating in an egg hunt following the service.

Easter morning is also the time for the modern ladies of the church to show up in their new dresses and the Easter bonnet from the old days.

Thus, the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection have been reduced to Easter services laced with pagan worship traditions.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The following spiritual truths need to be emphasized:

1. There would be no redemption from sin for the human race without the incarnation of Jesus.
2. Without the cross of Jesus, there would be no payment for sin.
3. Without the resurrection, the payment for sin would not exist.
4. Without the Day of Pentecost, the church would have no spiritual power. Jesus' charge to the apostles would have been useless unless the power of the Holy Spirit was unleashed on believers in Christ. **Mark 16:115-20**

¹ www.eaec.org/bookstore/books/truth_about_christmas.htm

Satan was able to pull the biggest achievement in the history of mankind when he convinced the church leadership to ignore the events of Pentecost. As a result, the only churches in the world that do remember and celebrate the special day are Pentecostal churches.

The fourth pillar has been removed from the majority of churches and the Kingdom of Satan is laughing and rejoicing.

WHAT IS PENTECOST?

The word Pentecost means “fifty days after Passover.” This means that up to this point, the word had no relationship with what the Bible calls “the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.”

The first reference comes from John the Baptist. **Matthew 3:11**

The second reference is what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit. **John 7:37-39**

After the resurrection, Jesus instructed the disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:4-8**

On the fiftieth day following The Passover, there were 120 disciples (12 apostles, 69 others, and 39 women) in the upper room waiting for the promise of God the Father. **Acts 2:1-4**

It is important to note that they were not saved on that day. They had already received salvation from walking with Jesus. Thus, salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit are two different and entirely distinct events. **Acts 19:1-7**

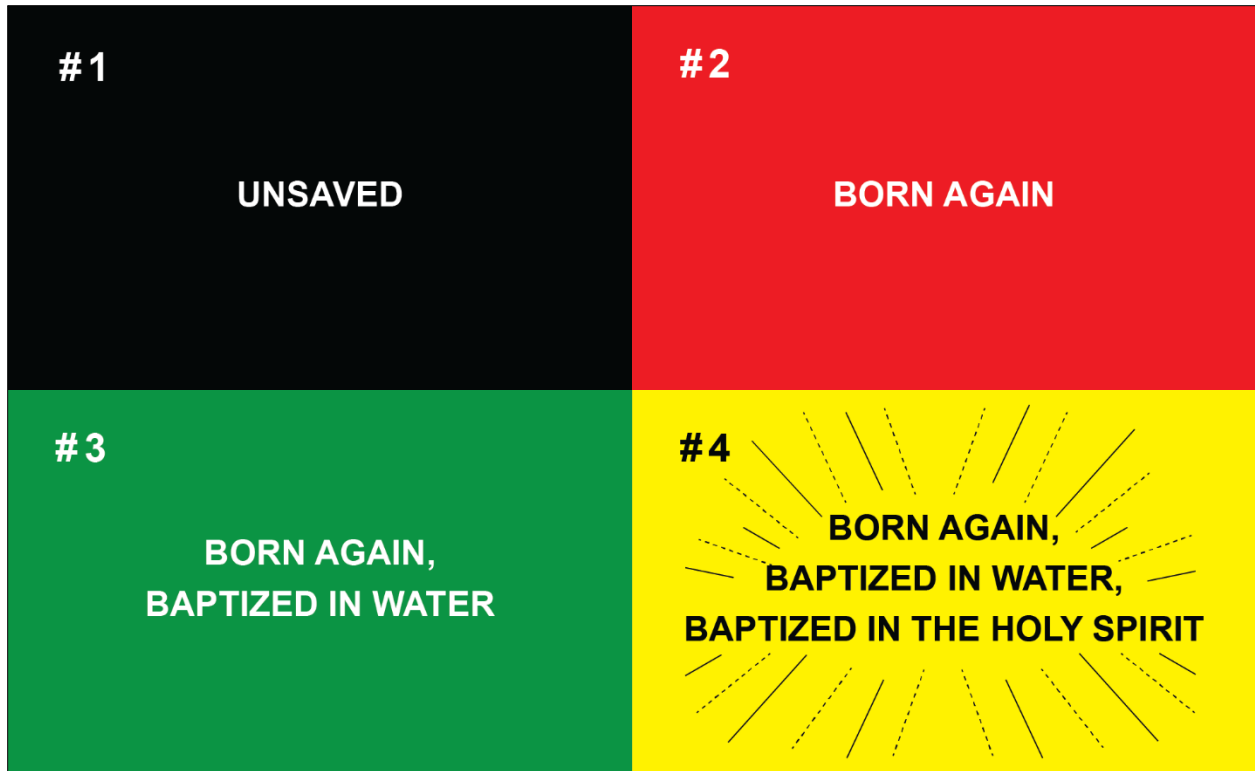
THE MODERN CHURCH

Denominations like the Presbyterians, Methodists, and Episcopalians, including Roman Catholicism, do not emphasize that a person must be born again. Thus, their members are spiritually dead because they are not born again as Jesus mandated to Nicodemus. **John 3:1-8**

Evangelical denominations like the Baptists teach that a person must be born again to enter heaven. Church membership requires that a person be born again and baptized in water through immersion.

Only Pentecostal and other charismatic churches properly teach that a person must be born again, baptized in water through immersion, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, only a small percentage of Christians today follow Jesus’ instructions all the way.

If Jesus insisted that the men and women who had been with Him for some three years, to not to leave Jerusalem and start ministering until they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit, why would there be an exception today? What gives you the authority to circumvent the instructions of Jesus? **Acts 1:4-5**



Anyone in the first box will end up in hell when they die.

Anyone in the second box will make it to heaven, but they will be powerless on earth. The same holds true for anyone in the third box.

Only people in the fourth box have the full power of the Holy Spirit and can do all the works that Jesus commanded.

If you are not in the fourth box, you should without hesitation ask Jesus to baptize you in the Holy Spirit after you are baptized in water through immersion.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?