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Pentecost: Celebrating the Power and the Presence of God

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John 16:7-15 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 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. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Today we celebrate Pentecost, A celebration of the coming of “The Holy Spirit” to dwell in humanity. Acts 2:1-2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

The word Pentecost means 50. The Feast of Pentecost occurs fifty days after the Passover season.

What Happen on the day of Pentecost was the inauguration of the Holy Spirit, God coming to live with man and potentially in man.

This manifestation of the Holy Spirit was not Him coming to save. For the disciples had already received initial seed of the Holy Spirit because they believed that their salvation would come through none other than Jesus as the promised Messiah, the Christ, the Savior. They understood Jesus was the divine Son of God sent to deliver them from the condemnation of sin and deliver them to Eternal Abundant Life. (**John 5:24; 8:24; 10:10.**)

Remember; **Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.**

When we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead the Holy Spirit brings, quickens our spirit alive and we have eternal life.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God. *He is just as much God as Father God and Jesus, His Son our Lord and Savior, is God.*

One of the words used for God in the Old Testament is Yahweh. The Name of YHWH refers to the God who exists as the Eternally, Immutably, All-Powerful, Omnipresent and Omniscient Tri-Personal God [Father, Son, and Spirit].

Rather than a Mono-Personal God. Yet, there is only one God made up of three personages. They are one in three and three in one. **Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!**

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Galatians 3:20 A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.

Jesus defines it this way. Concerning the Father, Jesus said in **John 10:30, 38 I and My Father are one."**... **38 ... that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."**

Concerning the Holy Spirit, **John 14:16-20 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**

It's hard to wrap our carnal mind around the concept, but God is one in three and three in one', this must be believed by faith, because this is a spiritual truth. And Yahweh (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is Truth.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth **John 14:17, 16:13.**

Notice in the video we just saw they were talking about the potential dangers of A.I., Artificial Intelligence.

Notice that this Intelligence is artificial. It may be a natural fact but not a spiritual truth.

It is based on information gathered from the masses of people, and/or the ones who write the programs and algorithms.

Every time we use the internet to inquire, probe, email, to watch, post, respond...etc on the web/social media, we are influencing/feeding this Intelligence.

The problem is this Intelligence is it's artificial and is not established on Real Truth which is the Word of God.

This intelligence maybe is factual in the natural and have some aspects of truth within it, but the core of this intelligence is not based in Truth.

This A.I. intel is ultimately based on.

Equations based on the truth of the Word of God many times doesn't make since with A.I. or human reasoning.

Example: Most of us know that we are here in our body on the earth. But spiritual truth which is based on the Word of God let us know we are in two places at one time.

Ephesians 2:6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

There are certain things in the Bible that are spiritual truths that do not make common sense to the natural mind.

That is why a renewing of the mind is necessary to operate by faith in the world, because some things you are going to have to believe without any sensual detection of it.

John 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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Don't be afraid to use A.I. but don't allow it to be your main source of information when you make your decisions and form your way of thinking.

Don't forget you have the Holy Spirit on the inside of you. The Spirit of Truth, which includes Godly Power, Knowledge, Wisdom and understanding.

You don't check what the Bible says against AI. You check the conclusions of A.I. against what the Bible says.

I believe the overall Goal of A.I. is to allow this artificial intelligence do humanity's thinking for them.

We Have the Greater One inside of Us.

Artificial intelligence may be able to calculate, reason, and make decisions faster than the carnal human mind. But artificial intelligence is still no match for the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit does not have to calculate or process data, the Holy Spirit just knows. He is the Great I 'am that I "am. He is the Alpha and Omega.