

Grade 12

Church History

Section A: Beginnings of the Church

1. Pentecost is the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and disciples which occurred ten days after the Ascension (fifty days after Easter; often referred to as the birthday of the Church.”
2. In Acts 2 the Pentecost event is described.
3. Some of the highlights of Acts 2 are: a loud noise in the sky, a strong driving wind,

tongues as of fire which rested on the people's heads.

4. Also in Acts 2 the people were confused they heard each speaking in their own language.
5. Peter proclaimed to the people some of the following: God will pour out a portion of his spirit upon them; wonders will be worked in heaven and on earth.
6. Also in Acts 2 the house of Israel is to know for certain that Jesus is both Lord and Messiah.
7. We are all to repent and be baptized and then we will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

- a. Wisdom (religious common sense)
 - b. Understanding (perspectives outside ourselves)
 - c. Knowledge (intellect)
 - d. Counsel (advice)
 - e. Fortitude (courage)
 - f. Piety (humility)
 - g. Fear of the Lord (respect)
9. We are also, in Acts 2, warned to save ourselves from this corrupt generation and devote ourselves to the teachings of the apostles.
10. In CCC 494 it describes Mary when she responds to God in “**Let it be done to me according to your word...**” – the Annunciation
11. We need to be obedient as she was.

12. The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience; what the Eve bound by her disbelief, the Virgin Mary loosened by her faith.
13. CCC 829 describes the Church as being Holy because of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The faithful strive to conquer sin and increase in holiness.
14. CCC 973 – pronounces Mary as the Mother of our Savior. She is Mother wherever He is Savior and head of the Mystical Body.
15. John 20: 19-23 accounts the Resurrection where Mary of Magdala is the first to witness the empty tomb.

16. The stone was rolled away, the burial clothes were there, and two angels were guarding the spot.
17. Jesus appears to Mary Magdala but she doesn't recognize Him at first until He calls her name.
18. Mary Magdala responds with "Rabbouni" which means teacher.
19. Jesus then appears to the Apostles and says to them "Peace be with you." He then showed them the marks on His hands and feet.
20. Jesus gives them a blessing and commissions them to go out in the world to evangelize. Especially by saying, "whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain will be retained."

21. One of the apostles, Thomas was not present and refused to believe that the others saw Jesus. It was not until Thomas say for himself that he believed.
22. Jesus reminds the apostles that “Blessed are those who believe without having seen.”

Early Church Leaders: Peter, Paul, James

23. In CCC 442 Simon Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Then Jesus responds that “Flesh and Blood has not revealed this to him but the Father who is in heaven.”
24. CCC 881 describes Peter as the “rock” of the Church. He was given the keys of the Church and named him as shepherd of

the whole flock. We call this individual the Pope.

25. In Matthew 28: 16-20 we are all mandated, especially the early church leaders to “Go, ... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that has been commanded... I am always with you, until the end of the age.”

26. Judaism is a religion revealed by God originating with the Mosaic Covenant and identified with the land of Canaan (Israel today) to express a belief in one God.

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