

The Day of Pentecost
Is it Really the Birthday of the Church?

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Good morning. This is Shane Vaughn from First Harvest Ministries, and today is June the seventh, in the year 2016. I want to talk to everyone around the world today about a very special event that is coming up three or four days from now. Seven times a year, our Father the Creator, calls together His holy congregation into what we call a holy convocation; which is really just a beautiful word for a gathering or a get-together. But we are not just getting together with one another. We are getting together with the Almighty God, Yahweh.

So every one of the seven gatherings that we have are very special to the true Church of Yahweh, the Living God. They matter more to us than July the fourth. They matter more to us than any other holiday that men have created. These were created by the same Creator, Who created the institution of marriage, the institution of the Sabbath, the institution of all things holy which is the Church; the Congregation.

The very same One Who created these institutions, created the Seven annual High Sabbath days, also known as the Holy Days. We have already celebrated two of these this year: Passover and Unleavened Bread, and now we are entering into the third Holy Day Festival. It's called the Feast of First Fruit. Some folks refer to it as Pentecost. However, we believe a more accurate rendering would be the Feast of First Fruits. The Day of Pentecost is simply a DAY in that Feast.

We are coming upon that time right now, and I want to encourage you who are watching me that if you do not keep the Feasts of the Almighty Creator, truly you are missing out on one of the greatest blessings you will ever experience. It is so much better than man-made

Christmas, man-made Easter, and other pagan holidays. I encourage you if you've never done it, to start this year to celebrate what Yahweh celebrates; what Yahshua His Son, Jesus Christ celebrated; what the apostles celebrated.

Many of you watching me call yourself apostolic, but what does that word mean? It means that we live by the teachings and the traditions of the apostles. We do not live by the teachings or the traditions of Rome, or any other headquarters that man has built that is not in agreement with Yahweh's Holy Word. I want to encourage everyone of you to celebrate this year, the Feast of First Fruits with us.

While I'm speaking to you, I would like to address a misconception that has been given concerning this feast. Everyone watching me, most likely most of you are Christians. In all of your life you have probably been taught that the Day of Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. Actually, that is a horrible misconception that Satan has placed in the minds of Christians around the world. The Day of Pentecost was not the birthday of the Church. May I Explain to you what it was?

The word *Church* is a mistranslation. It is actually a word that does not adequately portray the meaning there. The Greek word is *Ecclesia*, and it comes from a Hebrew word. When you trace these words back to their origin, you will find out that it was actually a very special group of people that were called out of Egypt, or out of darkness; or out of paganism—out of the world. This group of people are referred to as the *Ecclesia*, or a better word in English would be *the Congregation* or *the gathering of the called out people*.

Now, would you believe that there were no called out people throughout the Old Testament? You would have to believe that if you believed that the Day of Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. Paul wrote in his writings that there was a church before the Day of

Pentecost, or there was a congregation of called out people before Pentecost, and that group of people were called by Paul: *The Church in the Wilderness*. They are the holy nation of Israel, and they are the original called out people.

They were called out by Abraham. Remember, Abraham was called out of his homeland of Ur of the Chaldeans. He was called out to leave his tradition, to leave his people, and to follow after the Light—to follow after the Almighty Yahweh, and to keep the Laws of Yahweh, and begin to live a SEPARATED life unto Yahweh. That made Abraham called out, and therefore, his progeny—his children, his heritage—were all called out, and began to follow in the ways of their father, Abraham. It is there that we find the beginning, and the birthday of Yahweh's holy congregation, or the Church, if you prefer that word.

Those folks of the original Church were called out there. They are the original Ecclesia of the Almighty. We know they failed. We know that they were powerless against the pull of sin. Sin has a powerful pull to it, and men in and of themselves without the infilling of the Holy Spirit, are powerless over that pull. That pull drowns the greatest of men. It is a sickness called sin. These men, even though they had the Law, and even though they knew the way to live, they were powerless to do so.

These people; the original Church, the Ecclesia, made a covenant with the Almighty Yahweh. They made an agreement. We refer to that as the Old Covenant, or the Old Testament. In that agreement, when they came to Mt. Sinai, the Almighty Yahweh came down on Mt. Sinai, to meet with His bride, Israel—His first born son, His Church, His Congregation. He came to meet with them, but they decided they did not want to meet with Him because it was such a holy meeting, so they designated Moses to go up and to get the Law, and to come down and tell them what Yahweh had said.

Whenever Moses came down as the representative of Christ in that particular type and shadow, he came down the mountain with the transformation on His body. He had a new body. He had actually transformed, and His light emanated from Him, from the glory of Yahweh. When he got there, he told the people what Yahweh had said. Here is basically what Yahweh told him: *If you will keep My commandments, and if you will do everything that I have instructed you to do, and prove your love for Me, by your obedience, THEN I will do such and such;* and He begins to lay out the terms of the agreement.

Basically, He was going to give them a wonderful life. He was going to give them the right to the Tree of Life, and from this obedience, they would have all been saved. Obedience has always been the MEANS to salvation. In the Garden of Eden, if Adam and Eve had simply obeyed, there would have never been a need for a sacrifice. Obedience has always, and always will be the means of salvation. Remember, even in the New Testament, the Scripture says that the Holy Ghost is given to those who OBEY Him.

The children of Israel refused to obey their covenant after they shook hands with Yahweh that day. They made an agreement, and the Ten Commandments was the codification—the inscription—of that agreement. This is where they shook hands with their husband, if you will. They accepted the marriage proposal, and that day there was a wedding; Moses being the best man. There it was when the original Church came into UNITY with her Creator.

She lived in that unity for a while, but like all men, she did not have the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and the pull of sin desecrated the marriage covenant; and we know that Yahweh had to put Israel away.

He had to divorce Israel until such a time that He could remarry her. Then we start going into the greatest story; the greatest LOVE STORY ever told. I do not have time today to teach you about that love story, but you can learn about it on fhtv.tv in my video series: *They Sang a New Song*. Suffice it to say, that the old covenant was simply the Law of Yahweh agreed upon by the Church.

Two thousand years later, there is going to be a reunification between Yahweh and His bride. There we come into the Day of Pentecost. We come into where the Holy Spirit was given so that men could rise above that stronghold of sin. It was on that day that the Holy Spirit came into our minds. It was PLANTED into the heart, but if you study the heart, it is the MIND of man. It is our thinking. It is our reasoning. Before the infilling of the Holy Ghost, that thinking was contrary to the Law of Yahweh. However, Yahweh told us through the prophets of the Old Testament, that there was coming a day when He would make a NEW Covenant, not with a new Church, but with The House of Israel.

So when we come to the Day of Pentecost, guess who it was who was gathered in Jerusalem? It was not a new group of people. It was The House of Israel that had been scattered to the nations of the world! Here they had gathered for what? A Holy Day! And you won't believe who else had gathered for this Holy Day, but the very apostles of Yahshua. I find it funny that the modern day Church would convince you that the Holy Days were done away with when Yahshua died, when He fulfilled them all. The Church said that they were done away with, and yet, fifty days later, evidently the apostles forgot what we know so well.

They forgot what we know so well. They forgot the Holy Days were done away with, because here they are in Jerusalem, celebrating a Holy Day. As a matter of fact, they were instructed by Yahshua Jesus Christ when they got to the Feast, to not tarry; to not delay. The Bible

then tells us in Luke chapter two, that fifty days after the waving of the sheaf, when Pentecost had fully come, *then* Yahweh, as He always does, kept the appointment: the Divine Holy Day. He always shows up there in a special way.

He did that on this Holy Day, called the Feast of First Fruits, on the 50th day. On the Feast of First Fruits, He comes to begin the seed foundation of the First Fruits. And it was here that He came to His Church with the same Fire that He came with on Mt. Sinai; and with the same group of people whom He met on Mt. Sinai. It was not a new Church, but Israel. And it was here that His Holy Spirit began to FILL the CHURCH, and give the Congregation—The House of Israel—give her the power over SIN!

What is sin? It is the transgression of the Law, according to the Bible. It was on this day that He made a NEW Covenant, not with a new people, but with The House of Israel. It was on this day that He began, as the prophet said He would do. They said that on *that* day, He would make a new agreement and shake hands with The House of Israel once again, and make the same agreement that He made on Mt. Sinai. He said, “I will write a NEW covenant with The House of Israel, and in that agreement will be My Law. I will write My Law, not on those tables of stone.”

We know by that reference that He was speaking about the Ten Commandments, because that’s what was written in stone. He said, “That Law will be transcribed from stone to MIND; to the internal gestation of man.” So I encourage you today to rid your mind of the sufferance of Satan that tells you that the Church was born on the Day of Pentecost. I have rendered to you that the Congregation; the called out people of Abraham—the Church—was born by the calling out of Abraham, and they were coming into a *New Agreement* on the Day of Pentecost during the Feast of First Fruit.

They accepted the Law of Yahweh internally by the agency of the Holy Spirit, and it was on THAT day, that the new agreement went into force. Here was the new agreement: *If you will keep My commandments and live separated from the world, then I will give to you, eternal life.* Thank God for the Day of Pentecost. It was on that day that the seed bin was laid for the harvest. So this is the true meaning of what we will celebrate this coming Sunday. The world celebrates the flesh, but the True Church of the Living God, we celebrate what is HOLY. What is holy was the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

Oddly enough, the Church at large celebrated this day of Pentecost a month ago. Why? Because they're out of sync with His calendar. They are lined up with Rome's calendar. But if you count the days, we are coming up on the TRUE Day of Pentecost.

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