

THE CRITERIA FOR A PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-4

INTRODUCTION

IN THIS PASSAGE ARE THE DIRECTIONS FOR ACHIEVING OUR OWN PERSONAL PENTECOST. FOR THE CONDITIONS THAT PREVAILED IN THAT FIRST CHURCH CONGREGATION MUST PREVAIL IN OUR LIVES IF WE ARE TO RECEIVE THE INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I. UNITED IN PRAYER

ACTS 1:14 KJV THESE ALL CONTINUED WITH ONE ACCORD IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION, WITH THE WOMEN, AND MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND WITH HIS BRETHREN.

- A. THEY PRAYED IN ONE ACCORD
- B. THEY WERE NOT IN A HURRY
- C. THEIR PRAYER WAS CONTINUAL

II. UNITED IN PURPOSE

ACTS 2:1 KJV AND WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST WAS FULLY COME, THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE.

- A. THEY DETERMINED TO OBEY CHRIST'S COMMAND TO WAIT FOR THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT
- B. THEY DETERMINED TO SEEK GOD FOR POWER
- C. THEY WERE WILLING TO WAIT FOR GOD'S TIMING

HEBREWS 10:36 KJV FOR YOU HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE, THAT, AFTER YOU HAVE DONE THE WILL OF GOD, YOU MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISE.

III. UNITED IN POSSESSION

ACTS 2:4 KJV AND THEY WERE ALL FILL WITH THE HOLY GHOSTJ AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUESJ AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE.

- A. ALL WERE FILLED
 - 1. NO ONE IS EXCLUDED

- 2. THE PRECEDENT IS SET FOR ALL BELIEVERS
- B. ALL SPOKE WITH TONGUES
- C. ALL WERE EMPOWERED