

JOEL 2:28-32

THE PROMISE OF PENTECOST



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The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. (Le 23:9–11)

From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. 16 Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

(Le 23:15–16)

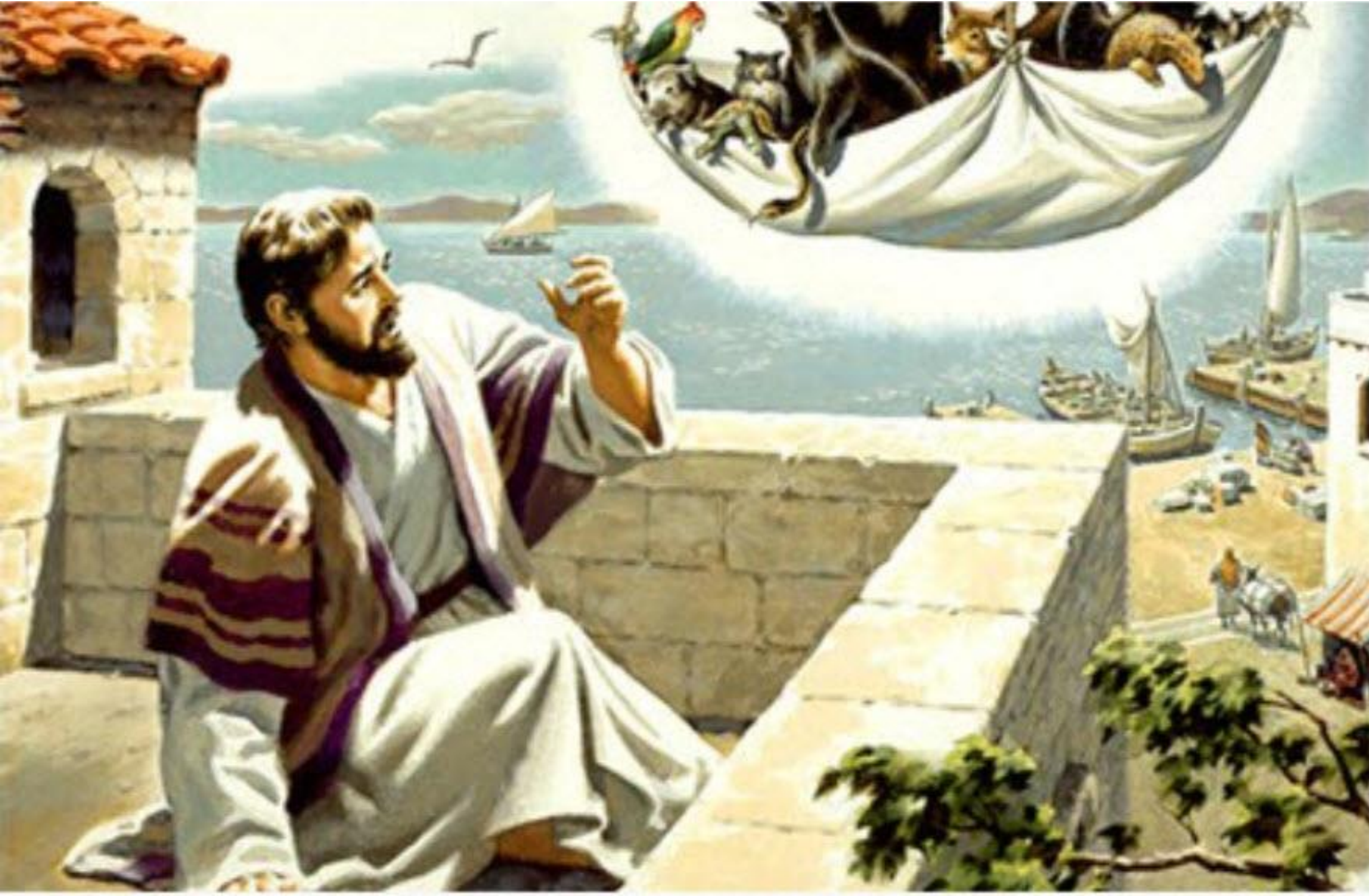
The new grain offering is the symbol of the real harvest. It typifies the resurrection of all believers in Jesus Christ.



The wave offering is the symbol of future harvest. It typifies the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

(Joel 2:28-32)



**Acts 10
Peter's vision**

Peter could not overcome his Jewish tradition even after receiving the Holy Spirit.

We are no better than Peter today.

Our tradition and rules often prevent us from connecting with people whom the Gospel calls for.



The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. (Ac 11:26)

Antioch Church is the sign for the pouring down of the Spirit to all people; it is the symbol of true Christ Church – Jews and Gentiles are united in one Spirit.

The Promise of Pentecost

(Leviticus 23; Joel 2:28-32; Acts 1-11)

1. We are resurrected with Christ in new life (Lev 23)
 - a. The wave offering and the new grain offering: first fruits
 - b. Christ's resurrection is the first fruits to all who believe
2. We are saved by the Holy Spirit in the Lord (Joel 2:28-32)
 - a. The Holy Spirit will be given to all people
 - b. Everyone who calls to the name of the Lord will be saved
3. We are the Christ Church to share the Gospel to all (Acts 1-11)
 - a. Jesus is the Christ, and the Lord, He has risen
 - b. Gospel was to be preached to all people (Acts 1, 3; 10)
 - c. Christians are the followers of Christ; powered by the Holy Spirit with Jews and non-Jews together



Challenge Time



- 1. What is the connection between the OT wave offering and Christ resurrection?**
- 2. How did Peter connected with the promise from Joel 2:32 to Christ Jesus ?**
- 3. What is our church lacking ?**



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