



## *Pentecost Continues...*

1. **Pentecost:** Is the historical outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost opened the eyes of the world to the presence of the Holy Spirit.
2. **The 21<sup>st</sup> century Church** will not survive without the Holy Spirit with the Spirit it will thrive!

### **Acts 9:1-4**

#### *Persecution*

1. **The Dividing & scattering** of Jesus' disciples viewed by human eyes as a tragedy.
2. **Spiritual Eyes** sees this scattering as God's plan to reach out & save all.
3. **Jesus sees persecution** of the Bride (The Way) very different. It's ultimately persecution against Jesus.
4. **V:1-3** Jesus took it personally what Saul was doing to His Bride.

### **Acts 9:5-10**

#### *Preaching and ...*

1. **Abraham:** Isaac was dead to him as they traveled for three days to sacrifice.
2. **Esther:** fasted three days before seeing the king.
3. **Jonah:** was in the belly of great fish three days.
4. **The spies:** were hidden by Rahab for three days.
5. **Jesus:** was in the grave for three days.
6. **Hosea:** **Chapter 6:1-2**, a prophecy of the nation of Israel after 3 days they acknowledge their sins and will return to the Lord.
7. **Ananias:** receives the vision to go pray for Saul after the three days.

**Here are some other notes: Just for you: I have heard there are 75 three-day scriptures.**

1. On the third day — “the earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit.” (Genesis 1:12)
2. On the third day — Pharaoh releases his chief cup bearer from death-row. (Genesis 40:20-21)
3. On the third day — Joseph releases his brothers from prison in Egypt. (Genesis 42:17-18)
4. On the third day — The Israelites request Pharaoh's permission to make a three-day journey to offer sacrifice in the desert to God. (Exodus 3:18)
5. On the third day — Plague Nine, the Plague of Darkness, in Egypt ends, “though the Israelites enjoyed light in their dwellings.” (Exodus 10:22)

6. Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Exodus 15:22
7. On the third day — God descends to Mount Sinai in fire with the sound of a shofar. He then reveals The Ten Words, Israel's constitution of new life as a nation after their resurrection from the death of slavery in Egypt. (Exodus 19:16-19)
8. On the third day — Israelites are to purify themselves with water after being in contact with the dead. (Numbers 19:12)
9. On the third day — After coming to the river and preparing themselves, the Israelites cross the Jordan "to enter and possess the land that the LORD [their] God is giving to [them] as a possession." (Joshua 1:11; 3:2)
10. On the third day — a famine during David's reign ends. (2 Samuel 21:1).
11. Then he said to them, "Depart for three days, then return to me." So the people departed.
12. On the third day — a famine called for by Elijah the prophet ends. (1 Kings 18:1)
13. On the third day — after asking God for release, King Hezekiah is healed of his fatal disease and offers thanks in the temple. (2 Kings 20:5)
14. Luke 2:46 Jesus was missing for 3 days when he was twelve years old.
15. John 2:20 Jesus will resurrect the temple in 3 days.

### Acts 9:11-12

#### *Blind Physically & Spiritually*

1. **When you're blind** physically you need someone to lead you. The same is true spiritually but, be careful who you trust & allow to lead you.
2. **God sidelining you at times** in order for you to receive your insight.
3. **V:12** Saul receives a vision that a man named Ananias was coming to restore him.
4. **When spiritually blind**, we don't often see God working behind the scenes.

### Acts 9:13-16

#### *I have heard many reports...*

1. **Reports:** Faith in what you are hearing from "reports" could miss direct God's will for your life.
2. **V:15-16 God's Word** will sober you. His Word is the true report and it gives revelation knowledge.

### Acts 9:17-22

#### *Transformation*

1. **God removed** the physical obstacle so Saul's could see again. (The Holy Spirit often changes a person physically, emotionally as well as spiritually.)
2. **Saul:** means destroyer, Paul means builder.
3. **The infilling:** Gives you the new you've been needing and praying for all along.

Hearts that are right before God

1. **V:20 At once**, he went back to his stomping grounds to speak new truth about Jesus.
2. **V:21 Astonishment**, is norm of a new heart.
3. **V:22 Saul** understood and was trained in the godly truth of the O.T. now with the Spirit he became powerful very quickly.