Trail Guide -- Week of June 1, 2020

Pentecost memorializes the first giving of the law, written on tablets of stone, 50 days after the crossing of the Red Sea. For Christians, Pentecost also celebrates the giving (outpouring) of the Holy Spirit, when the law of God was written on the tablet of human hearts, 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus. This week, take a look at the role, work, and results of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christ-followers who bore witness to Christ in the first century – and in your life as witness and follower of Jesus today!

Mon, 6/1.   *Acts 2:17-21* Recall Acts 1:8 as you read. How does this prophecy connect with Jesus' pronouncement of what we will be? What does Joel's prophecy add to being a witness?

Tues, 6/2   *Acts 2:42-47* Many point to this passage as a formula for prioritizing the ministries of the Church. What activities did these believers participate in? Which of these are part of your weekly/monthly routine?

Wed, 6/3   *Acts 4:31-37* Luke describes several results of being "filled with the Holy Spirit". What results have you seen/would you like to see in your life from being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Thurs, 6/4   *Ephesians 5:15-20* This paragraph is the lead-in to Paul's frequently discussed words to husbands and wives. The key requirement for living out the gospel is first allowing the Holy Spirit to live in us ("be filled" v. 18). While not readily apparent in the English text, the phrase should literally read, "be being filled, again and again". Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh!

Fri, 6/5   *Romans 8:1-17* Read again this passage from Sunday. It speaks about the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer to make us alive in Christ. Make a list of the various "assurances" you find in this passage.

Sat, 6/6   *Ephesians 2:8-22* In this passage, we read about God's work to save us in Jesus Christ, and then to form us as His people. What is the role of the Holy Spirit here? Reread verse 10. You/we are the result of God's creative genius!