

# The **Church**

## **4. Pentecost and beyond**

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## 1. Overview

*ekklesia* = church



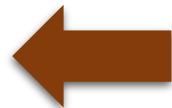
A preposition  
meaning “out of”

*ek* + *klesia*

A derivative of the verb  
*kaleo* meaning “to call”



Referring to a gathering  
of citizens in Ephesus  
(See Acts 19:32, 39, 41)



An assembly of  
people “called out”



Referring to people  
redeemed by Christ  
(See Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22)

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## 2. Foundation

Whose church  
is it?

*“And I tell you, you are Peter,  
and on this rock **I will build My church**,  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

(Matthew 16:18)

**This cup is  
the new covenant  
in My blood**

(Luke 22:20)



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**At the last Passover**

I will ask the Father,  
and He will give you  
**another Helper...**

You know Him,  
for He dwells **with you**  
and will be **in you**.

(John 14:16-17)

John 7:39

Yet a little while  
and the world will see Me no more,  
but you will see Me.

**Because I live, you also will live.**

In that day you will know  
that **I am in My Father**,  
and **you in Me**,  
and **I in you**.

(John 14:19-20)

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After the Lord had risen from the dead

**“Peace be with you.**

As the Father has sent Me,  
even so I am sending you.”

And when He had said this,

**He breathed on them**

and said to them,

**“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**

(John 20:21-22)



Then the LORD God  
formed the man  
of dust from the ground  
and **breathed** into his nostrils  
the breath of life,  
and the man became  
a living creature. (Genesis 2:7)



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And while staying with them  
He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem,  
but to wait for **the promise of the Father**,  
which, He said, “you heard from Me;  
for John baptised with water,  
but **you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit**  
not many days from now.”

Or “in”

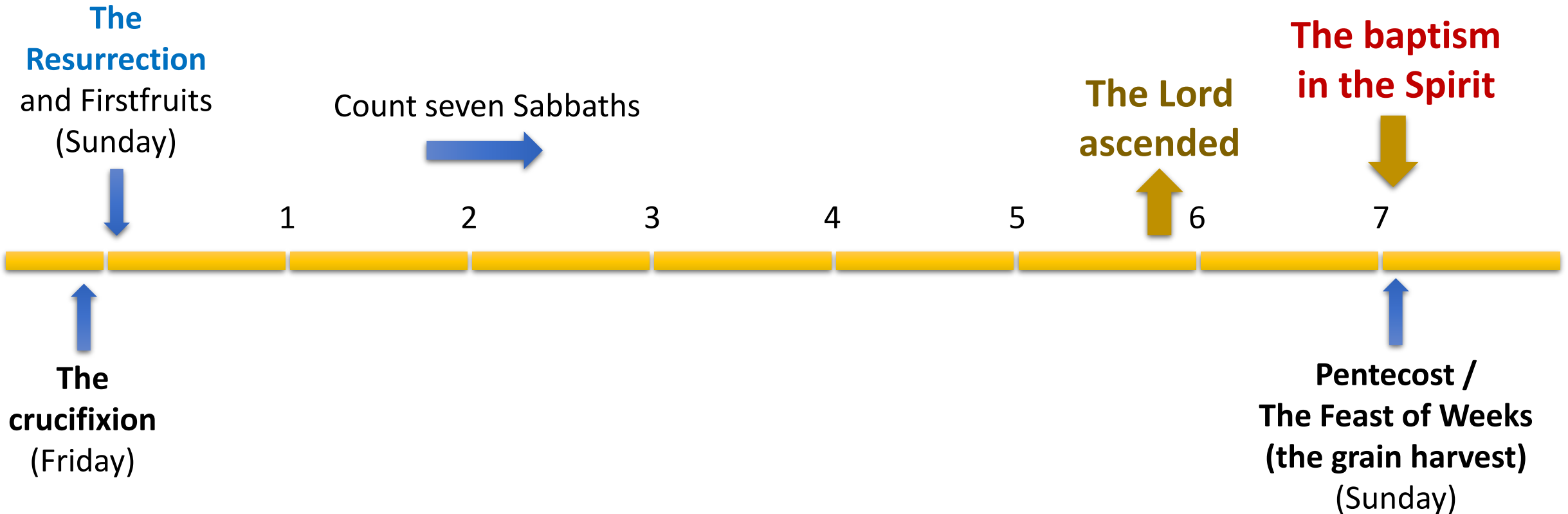
(Acts 1:4-5)

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When the **day of Pentecost** arrived,  
they were all together in one place...  
(Acts 2:1)



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## Three signs:

- A sound like a mighty rushing wind
- Divided tongues as of fire resting on each one
- They began to speak in other tongues

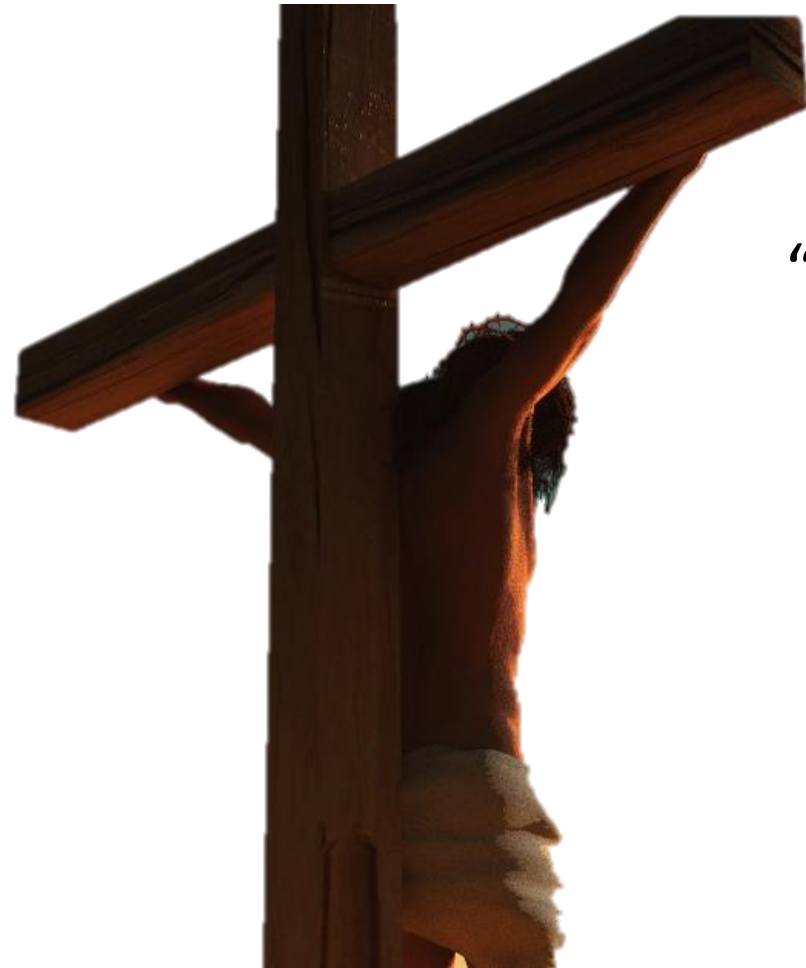
(See Acts 2:1-4)

We hear them telling  
in our own tongues  
the mighty works of God.  
(Acts 2:11)



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“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both **Lord** and **Christ**, this **Jesus** whom you **crucified**.”

(Acts 2:36)

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When they heard this they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, *“Brothers, what shall we do?”*

**“Repent and be baptised** every one of you in the name of **Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**“For the promise** is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, **everyone** whom the Lord our God **calls to Himself.”**

(Acts 2:37-39)

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3. **A new creation**  **What characterised the church in the beginning?**

➤ **Love and generosity**

- All who believed were together
- They were of one heart and soul
- They distributed to everyone in need

➤ **Devotion and zeal**

- The apostles' teaching
- Fellowship
- The breaking of bread
- Prayer

➤ **Trouble**

- The priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them...
- Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession...
- A complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews...

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- Why did God create the heavens and the earth?
- What is the substance of the Old Covenant shadows?
- What did the prophets see was coming?
- **What did the Lord Jesus suffer and die for?**

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