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THE HOT WINDS OF CHANGE

Pentecost And You

“On the Day of Pentecost all the Believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.” Acts 2: 1-2 (NLT)

Pentecost is God’s reversal of Babel and the church’s mission to be the sign of that reversal. Pentecost calls for a new nation and a new people. You must help create a new nation by becoming a new people.

The hot winds of change blowing through the world are forcing us to search again in the Book of Books for hope. Colin Williams reminds us that the new community brought into being by Pentecost could sing with the apostle Paul: **“In Christ there is no Greek nor Jew [national and racial barrier are overcome in Christ]; no bond or free [class barriers fall]; no barbarian or Scythian [cultural barriers, too, are transcended]; no male or female [distinctions based on sex also are broken down], for all are one in him.** Here at Pentecost we are given the one family of God, the New Humanity.”

The “New Humanity” places certain demands on those who take it seriously. What is expected of a new people? A new people must open themselves to the hot winds of change so that they might be instruments in the hands of the Eternal to eradicate from the earth the problems of white racism, poverty, hunger, disease, pollution, and war. **A new humanity must endeavor to help all men realize what was experienced in the days of King Solomon: “And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba....” (1 Kings 4:25, KJV).**

A “New People” must also participate, helping to harmonize man and nature. Here is the dream of the prophet Isaiah as we read it in the Bible. **God depends on people like you and me to see to it that it comes to pass:**

In that day the wolf and the lamb will lie down together, and the leopard and goats will be at peace. Calves and fat cattle will be safe among lions, and a little child shall lead them all. The cows will graze among bears; cubs and calves will lie down together, and lions will eat grass like the cows. Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes, and a little child who puts his hand in a nest of deadly adders will pull it out unharmed. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord. AMEN.
Isaiah 11:6-9 (LBV)

~Dr. Samuel B. McKinney

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

