



The BEO writes ...

Dear Friends,

"When the day of the Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place." Acts 2:1

In the Book of Exodus Chapter 23:14-17, the story of three festivals in Israel is recorded.

These festivals were celebrated in Autumn and Spring. In Autumn the festival was known as the Feast of Ingathering which was celebrated at the end of the fruit gathering. The Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Harvest were celebrated in Spring, the Feast of Unleavened Bread was historically connected to Passover, and the Feast of Harvest, which was later known as the Feast of the Pentecost, was at the beginning and ending of grain harvest. It was the time the Jewish People baked the first barley loaves and offered them to God as a Thanksgiving Offering. This was also the time of the Feast of Pentecost when the Jews celebrate Moses receiving the law at Mount Sinai.

We are told in the Bible that it was also on this Mount Sinai that Moses originally met God in the form of fire (burning bush). Exodus 3:1-17

In the book of Acts 2:1-13 it is recorded that during the Feast of Pentecost celebration, 'fire' fills the Apostles.

Many were on holiday in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5-11a) - Jewish pilgrims from around the world were in Jerusalem. They came from Mesopotamia, Egypt, Libya (Africa, the land of Ham was represented) and even from Rome. We read in the Bible that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was a turning point for the disciples. They were filled with joy, ready and able to continue Jesus Christ's work in the world.

Christians need to realize that the Holy Spirit unites people and His invisibility

The day of the Pentecost



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Are you striving to be more like Christ? Growing spiritually is not easy; it is the same with physical growth, that's why St Paul said, "Let us not grow weary while doing good because in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)

I like to look at my photos of when I was the young man of 16-19 years of age. I can see the

physical difference; my head was full of hair black and beautiful. Now it is a mess. With love and prayers always.

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Pentecost! 28 May



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Gen 1:1-2 NIV

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,

Joel 2:28-29 NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4 NIV

Contribution to the Diocese honoured



The Order of the Diocese of Port Elizabeth was conferred on five men on Thursday 20 April.

At a service held at St Mary Magdalene in West End, Bishop Eddie handed out the certificates and badges to Malcolm Topper, Rod Philip, Anton Rousseau, Daniel Barth and Ronald Booysen.

The diocesan staff joined family members and friends who attended the service in order to support and honour

Citations:

Malcolm Topper - In recognition of his selfless dedication within the Diocese of Port Elizabeth in our stewardship of Church property and parochial ministry.

Rod Philip - In recognition of his time and talent to the Diocese of Port Elizabeth in serving the local church and as a member and chair of the Buildings Advisory Committee.

Anton Rousseau - In recognition of his