Kingdom of God

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Kingdom of God: When Jesus left what was the impact of Pentecost?

Key Vocabulary

Kingdom of God – The Kingdom of God is not a physical place, but anywhere where God is in charge and people choose to love and obey Him.

Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is defined in Christianity as God's invisible, active presence and power at work in the world.

Pentecost – A celebration in the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension.

Trinity – The Christian belief that there is one God who exists as three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

Disciples – In Christianity, a disciple is an active learner and devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

Resurrection - In Christianity, the **resurrection** is the belief that Jesus Christ physically rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion, defeating sin and death.

Ascension – In Christianity, the Ascension is the belief that Jesus physically departed Earth to return to Heaven, bodily and victoriously, forty days after his resurrection.

Gospel – In Christianity, the "gospel" means "good news". It refers to the message that humanity can be forgiven of their sins and restored to a relationship with God.

Fellowship – In Christianity, fellowship refers to the shared life, deep spiritual bond, and active partnership among believers.

Fruit of the Spirit – In Christianity, the "Fruit of the Spirit" refers to nine positive character traits that the Holy Spirit naturally develops in the life of a believer.

Virtues – In Christianity, virtues are positive character traits that incline a person to do good and avoid evil.

Body of Christ – In Christianity, the "Body of Christ" most commonly refers to the Church—the global community of believers. In the New Testament it teaches that all Christians are spiritually connected to Jesus and to each other, functioning together like the different parts of a living human body.

Mission – In Christianity, a "mission" is the commitment to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ and actively share God's love with the world.

Comforter – In Christianity, the Comforter is a title for the Holy Spirit. The Comforter is defined as an ever-present Helper, Advocate, and Guide who dwells inside believers.

What is the Kingdom of God and why did Jesus talk about it?

Christians believe that Jesus inaugurated the Kingdom of God through his actions, teachings and the way he lived. His message was that God rules not only in heaven but here and now, wherever people follow God's ways. This Kingdom is shown through love, forgiveness and justice rather than through power or land. Pentecost matters because the Holy Spirit helps Christians continue living out this Kingdom after Jesus' ascension.

What happened at Pentecost?

Acts 2 describes the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church, as more than 3,000 people responded to the disciples' message. Symbols such as wind, flame and languages represent the Spirit's power, presence and guidance. The disciples changed from frightened followers into confident messengers.

Who is the Holy Spirit and why is the Spirit important to Christians?

Christians believe the Holy Spirit is one part of the Trinity — God's presence with them today. The Spirit is described through metaphors such as wind, fire, dove, water and comforter. Christians believe the Spirit guides, strengthens and empowers them to live God's way. Pentecost shows the moment the Spirit began equipping Christians for their mission.

How did the Holy Spirit change the first Christians?

Acts 2:41–47 describes the first Christian community formed after Pentecost. They prayed, shared food and possessions, worshipped and supported each other, believing God's Kingdom was becoming visible through their actions. The transformation showed the Spirit helping ordinary people live in a new, God-centred way. Their behaviour demonstrated that the Kingdom of God grows through loving community.

How do Christians today try to live by the Holy Spirit?

Paul's letters describe Christians as the "body of Christ", each person with gifts to help the whole community (1 Corinthians 12). Christians believe the Spirit helps them grow virtues called the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5). Fellowship, service and worship are signs of the Spirit working today. Christian charities, churches and communities like L'Arche show how believers put Spirit-Filled love into action.

What was the impact of Pentecost?

The key Christian belief is that Jesus' ascension did not end his work; instead, Pentecost empowered Christians to continue it. The Holy Spirit helps believers make the Kingdom of God visible through love, service and community. Pentecost marks the beginning of the global Church, shaping Christian identity and mission. Christians today still look to Pentecost to understand courage, unity and purpose.



