

“Ready to Get Back to Church!” (but probably not back to Normal!)

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The Day of Pentecost marks the sending of the Holy Spirit and the formal launching of the Church!

Jesus: “But you **will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

When the **day of Pentecost** came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: **God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.**” Acts 2:36

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

³⁸Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, 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.** ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Today, we celebrate the 1990th Anniversary of what we call “The Church”!

I am ready to get back to Church but I have some grave Concerns about “as Normal”!

- **Normal Today, defines most of us as _____ not as Participants.**

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸**But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.** ¹⁹**If they were all one part, where would the body be?** ²⁰**As it is, there are many parts, but one body.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

- **Normal Today, sees a distorted view of Worship that _____ Kingdom Advancement.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: ¹⁸The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore **Christ’s ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, **that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.** ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 1 Peter 2:9-10

Conclusion: We will never be able to fully produce a stay at home version of Corporate Worship!