

**Pentecost**  
**July 10, 2016**  
**Acts 2:1-13**

**The Holy Spirit (God with us):**

**1) Was extensively \_\_\_\_\_.**

300 separate prophecies in the Old Testament over 1500 years.

The prophets didn't understand all they prophesied:

That He would be born of a virgin—Isaiah 7:14  
That He would be born in Bethlehem—Micah 5:2  
That He would be born into the tribe of Judah—Genesis 49:10  
That His ministry would begin in Galilee—Isaiah 9:1  
That He would work miracles—Isaiah 35:5, 6  
That He would teach in parables—Psalm 78:2  
That He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey—Zechariah 9:9  
That He would be betrayed by a friend—Psalm 41:9  
That He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver—Zechariah 11:12  
That He would be accused by false witnesses—Psalm 35:11  
That He would be wounded and bruised—Isaiah 53:5  
That His hands and feet would be pierced—Psalm 22:16  
That He would be crucified with thieves—Isaiah 53:12  
That His garments would be torn apart and lots cast for them—Psalm 22:18  
That His bones would not be broken—Psalm 34:20  
That His side would be pierced—Zechariah 12:10  
That He would be buried in a rich man's tomb—Isaiah 53:9  
That He would rise from the dead—Psalm 16:10

They had no idea what the others were saying or would say and yet their words, God's Words were pieced together perfectly.

The prophets couldn't even fathom all they were writing about however, we get the privilege of seeing all the pieces fit together.

**2) Is longed to be known by the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

**1 Peter**  
**1:10-12**

The final phrase of our text tells us that angels long to look into the things relating to our salvation. There are two different Greek words here. One means to stand on tiptoe, as if you are at the back of a crowd trying to watch a parade. The other means to stoop down. It's the same word used for Peter and John stooping to look inside the empty tomb on Easter Sunday morning. The angels are so eager to understand God's grace

that they stand on tiptoe and bend down from the battlements of heaven to marvel at the unfolding plan of salvation. This is exactly the reverse of the way we think of it. If I told you that I had a special door that let me look into the realm of the angels, all of you would crowd around to get a glimpse of "the other side." But the Bible never encourages us to peek into the angelic realm. Here we are told the angels long to look at and understand our salvation. During the Renaissance a painter named Tintoretto created a beautiful version of the Last Supper. Though Da Vinci's version is far more popular, Tintoretto's comes closer to capturing what really happened. He painted the scene from an elevated angle so we see Jesus and his disciples gathered around the table. It appears that Jesus has just said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood." There is a sense of drama and tension in the painting as the disciples struggle to understand. Above the table, an oil lamp gives off clouds of smoke. Tintoretto painted angels in the smoke, watching from above, their faces strangely curious, as they too marvel at what God the Son is about to do. That's exactly the idea Peter is driving at. Here is Peter's message made plain: God loves you so much, the angels are amazed. They know nothing about grace and mercy and forgiveness. They've never experienced new life, the new birth, regeneration, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, or the wonder of deliverance from sin. That which we have experienced in Jesus Christ, the angels never knew and will never know. We are far more privileged than they. ~ Ray Pritchard

3) Will \_\_\_\_\_ leave us.

No matter where you and I go we are never alone.

4) Is \_\_\_\_\_ to every Believer.

Do you desire Him?

Are you walking in it?

*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Romans 8:26-27

He helps in our weakness, in our sin and in our struggles!

## Prayer Focus:

Does the Holy Spirit live in you?

Are you yielding to the Holy Spirit?

Are you more in tune with His Spirit today than yesterday and this year more than last?