

## The Purpose Of Pentecost By T L Osborn

We believe it, we preach it, we strive for it—but still for many, the kind of free-flowing life in the fullness of the Spirit is more dream-like than reality.

Devotion to the Person of God the Holy Spirit is mostly limited to a few prayers and to the 9 days Pentecost novena to the Holy Spirit. The purpose of this book, therefore, is to promote devotion to the Holy Spirit. In this book, you will find a 7-week novena to the Holy Spirit every day from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The novena culminates with a prayer of consecration to the Holy Spirit and a prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for Pentecost Day. Although this book contains a novena of prayers to the Holy Spirit from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, nonetheless, the prayers in this book are by no means to be said only from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday or only on the days assigned to them. Any of the prayers in this book can be prayed, recited, or said at special occasions, when you have a special intention in mind, and at any time of the year. Additional prayers have been provided at the end of the book so that the fervor for the Holy Spirit is unceasing and ever new.

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In *Gift and Giver*, a substantial revision of his *3 Crucial Questions* about the Holy Spirit, prolific author Craig Keener takes a probing look at the various evangelical understandings of the role of the Holy Spirit in the church. His desire is for Christians to "work for consensus, or at least for unity in God's work despite our differences on secondary matters." Employing a helpful narrative approach and an ample number of stories, Keener enters into constructive dialogue with Pentecostals, moderates, and cessationists, all the while attempting to learn from each viewpoint. He seeks to bridge the gap between cessationists and Pentecostals/charismatics by urging all Christians to seek the Holy Spirit's empowerment. His irenic approach to this controversial issue has been endorsed by charismatics and non-charismatics alike. Sure to provoke helpful dialogue on a topic that has caused unfortunate divisions within the church, *Gift and Giver* will be a valuable addition to college and seminary courses on pneumatology. It will also be helpful to lay readers interested in a balanced discussion of spiritual gifts.

Preaching pastors, ministers, and priests know how quickly Sundays come and go. Protecting time for study and theological reflection is an art not easily mastered. The fast pace of church life collides with the need to ground sermons in careful exegesis and extensive dialogue with biblical texts. "The Lectionary Commentary" will not slow the pace of the weekly calendar, but it will help assure that sermon preparation begins with a solid engagement with Scripture. This superb three-volume work offers exegetical essays on the biblical texts from the Revised Common Lectionary, Years A, B, and C. All the Sundays of the three-year cycle are included, as well as the texts for Christmas Day, Epiphany, and Ascension Day. This volume, "The First Readings: Old Testament and Acts," provides exegetical commentary on the lectionary readings from Genesis to Malachi, and from the first seventeen chapters of Acts. Also unique to this volume is an excellent essay on "Preaching as Worship" by Hughes Oliphant Old. The authors of "The Lectionary Commentary" are an ecumenical mix of respected pastors, priests, ministers, and teachers for whom exegesis for preaching is a vocational and personal interest. Some are preachers who value exegesis; others are exegetes who value preaching. All value the Revised Common Lectionary as a guide for good preaching. Designed to answer the question "What does the preacher need to know about this text in order to preach a faithful sermon from it?," the essay in each chapter closely considers its specific biblical text and provides theological reflection, all the while remaining alert to the contemporary context in which the sermon will be spoken and heard. These are not books of sermons. They leave homiletical work to the preacher, who is called to contextualize the gospel from biblical texts. Rather, these essays are meant to serve as exegetical "jump starts," giving preachers a firm place to stand in the text while at the same time stimulating the concerns they bring to sermon preparation. The result is an invaluable resource intended to aid in the difficult task of facilitating a meaningful encounter between Holy Scripture and our modern world. Consulting Editors: Richard A. Burrige Thomas W. Gillespie Colin E. Gunton Robert W. Jenson James F. Kay Hughes Oliphant Old Fleming Rutledge Marguerite Shuster

The book, "Catholic Charismatic Renewal and Life in the Spirit" is a must read for all Christians who desire the deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Pentecostal experience. It is a book that will help one to understand the work of the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Holy Spirit and to maintain an ever-deepening relationship with Him. It illuminatingly explains gifts, in particular the gifts of prophecy and tongues which the author depicted as the prominent gifts of Pentecost. He maintains that the Fresh Outpouring of Pentecost is a continuous event and explains the purpose of sending the Holy Spirit. The author argues that the gift of tongues is for every baptised Christian but not mandatory, and he elaborately explains the spiritual benefits of the gift of tongues, as well as how to desire the gift of tongues and indeed other gifts. The evidence of the author's knowledge of the bible was amazing as he underpins all his claims with precise quotations from the Holy Book. This book is timely because it is only through the work of the Spirit that the tide of our contemporary society, in which shameful sins are increasingly being applauded, supported and even legally enthroned, will be turned. The understanding of the renewal leads to life in the Spirit which this book aims to foster. I therefore encourage you not only to get this book, but also to read it for the all-important understanding and to deepen relationship with God.

This book explores God's use of biblical numbers as his own unique language. As the language of his deity, this language articulates and communicates his stellar vantage point of mankind's human experience. Man's exceptional experience both as a gifted child of deity and as a frail reflection of his former self is put into perspective. As his creator, God is moved to arrest his decadent spiral into degradation and restore him to his original disposition of purpose and dominion in the earth. The Father God accomplishes his aim by redemption through Jesus Christ and the advent of Pentecost by which man experiences his power, presence, and anointing once again. As the father of humankind, he is inspired by his immeasurable love for all human beings. He plots a course that spans time and ages to redeem man from his wayward course and fortify him in spirit with an enduring constitution. Alas, humankind is revived and granted a composition of indomitable spirit and sublime humanity that is forged by the providential hand of God as he grows into the glorious image of God he was intended to be.

This book will become one of your favorite and reliable resources as you continue to discover what it means to be a carrier of God's life. As you study and embrace the 52 facts that are included in this book, they will establish your faith in the fundamental and unchanging truths of God's provision for you. When you receive Jesus Christ as your personal

Savior, you no longer need to grovel, beg for forgiveness of sin or seek the dignity that comes to you through Christ. You will cease to continually fight the devil or struggle to live a life of peace and purpose. It is God's Life In You that makes the difference. Know these truths. Embrace and believe each one. Determine to LIVE each day according to the redemptive reality of God's Life In You.

The powerful teaching developed in this book began with a revelation the Lord gave concerning The Spirit of Understanding - a Biblical anointing that enables a church to become a people of one heart and mind. This is the grace that was poured out on the day of Pentecost, when, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were changed from individuals with selfish ambition and petty jealousies, to a Christian community of deep love and agreement. This great anointing in Pentecost is what is required for the Church today to again be such a people of one heart and mind - a holy community!

The Megachurch Book juxtaposes the way of the scripture to the way of the modern day church, particularly the megachurch. A broad range of subjects are explored including church membership, lavish buildings, dual church locations, the absence of men in the church, neglect of community, the corporate orientation of the megachurch, the tax exempt charter, and many more intriguing topics. The book primarily focuses on trends and practices that are found in African American community based megachurches. Certain topics are written in prose and biblical metaphoric style for greater impact. The more biblical versed a reader is, the more the book will resonate. In order to accommodate various levels of biblical familiarity, the author includes a Discussions and Supporting Scriptures section at the conclusion of each topic. The Megachurch Book was written to open dialogue, invoke discourse, and inspire church attendees to not only consider the appropriateness of certain megachurch practices, but to also question such practices.

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Craig Keener is known for his meticulous work on New Testament backgrounds, but especially his detailed work on the book of Acts. Now, for the first time in book form, Cascade presents his key essays on Acts, with special focus on historical questions and matters related to God's Spirit.

As the young pastor of a self-satisfied English congregation in the 1880s, Samuel Chadwick was so frustrated over his lack of power in the pulpit that he collected his sermons in a pile and set fire to them. The result was immediate: The Holy Spirit fell on him.

In From Pentecost to the Triune God Steven Studebaker puts forth a provocative Pentecostal Trinitarian theology, arguing that the Holy Spirit completes the fellowship of the triune God and therefore shapes the identities of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit, Studebaker maintains, is not simply a passive end-product of a procession from the Father and Son but, rather, a dynamic person who plays an active role in the Trinity and a constitutional, consummational role in the history of redemption. In the course of his study, Studebaker shows the theological yield of the Pentecostal experience of the Holy Spirit and uncovers the biblical narratives of the Spirit from creation to Pentecost. A constructive and ecumenical contribution to Trinitarian theology, From Pentecost to the Triune God also engages major historical and contemporary figures such as Augustine, the Cappadocians, Weinandy, and Zizioulas, as well as representatives from the evangelical and charismatic traditions. Finally, Studebaker applies his Pentecostal Trinitarian theology to the theology of religions and creation care, proposing that Christians embrace an inclusive posture toward people of other religious traditions and have an earth orientation that sees creation care as Christian formation.

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God's plan for the life of every man, woman and child is total happiness, health and success. In God's Love Plan, T.L. Osborn exposes the root of all problems, shows the way out of problems, reveals seven available blessings and seven foundation facts, then turns over the Master key that has opened a new lifestyle of happiness, health, prosperity

and self-worth to millions worldwide.

The purpose of Pentecost is the filling of the Spirit of Christ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8 Christ comes to live within us for the purpose of ?owing through us to accomplish a purposed plan. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was to bring to death all self-sourcing. As Jesus constantly lived in the ?lling of the Father, so we are to constantly live in the ?lling of the Spirit of Christ. As Jesus was consistently sourced by the Father, so we are to be sourced by the Spirit of Christ. Think of the life that could be lived in the power and sourcing of God!

There was more to the day of Pentecost than the giving of spiritual gifts. The real gift was that a group of people were changed from being separate to being one... they received community. Such a corporate experience can happen today, to you and your church. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." How do you take a group of Christians for whom the gospel and Christian life seems relatively powerless, and infuse into them power to change them and their church? You need genuine apostolic (think early church) community. Not the type of community that you find in a monastery, or among the amish, but something that happens in the hearts of people. This book describes such a thing, and talks from both experience and scripture. An immortal monster hunter and a royal handmaiden embark on an epic journey to change their fates in this soul-stirring young adult fantasy novel for fans of The Witcher and The Last Unicorn. By night, the Ankou is a legendary, permanently young mercenary—the most fearsome sword for hire in all of the Five Lands, and its most abiding mystery. But when the sun rises, a dark magic leaves him no more than bones. Cursed with this cycle of death and resurrection, the Ankou wants only to find the final rest that has been prophesied for him, no matter the cost. When the kingdom of Kaer-Ise is sacked, Flora, handmaiden to the royal family, is assaulted and left for dead. Wounded, heartbroken, and the sole survivor of the massacre, Flora wants desperately to be reunited with the princess she served and loved. She and the Ankou make a deal: He will help Flora find her princess, and train Flora in combat, in exchange for her aid in breaking his curse. But it isn't easy to kill an immortal, especially when their bond begins to deepen into something more . . . Together, they will solve mysteries, battle monsters, and race against time in this fantasy novel about sacrifice, love, and healing by Elysium Girls author Kate Pentecost.

An exposition of the apostle Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost. This book examines the issues surrounding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church, and demonstrates that this dramatic event fulfilled the ancient prophecy of Joel. The Holy Spirit gifts were given for a limited time, and their main purpose was to enable the early christians to effectively witness to the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Are the gifts of tongues, prophecy, and healing for today? No, say cessationists. Yes, say Pentecostal and Third Wave Christians. Maybe, say a large sector of open-but-cautious evangelicals. What's the answer? Is there an answer? Are Miraculous Gifts for Today? takes you to the heart of the charismatic controversy. It provides an impartial format for comparing the four main lines of thinking: cessationist, open but cautious, third wave, and Pentecostal/charismatic. The authors present their positions in an interactive setting that allows for critique, clarification, and defense. This thought-provoking book will help Christians on every side of the miraculous gifts debate to better understand their own position and the positions of others. Wayne Grudem has brought online the four major views on miraculous gifts today. Downloading them into your own understanding takes effort, but the worldwide network that you join is the fellowship of the Spirit! The Counterpoints series provides a forum for comparison and critique of different views on issues important to Christians. Counterpoints books address two categories: Church Life and Bible and Theology. Complete your library with other books in the Counterpoints series.

Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James

A lifetime of reflection and examination on the book of Acts

Are you ready to go deeper in your relationship with the Holy Spirit? From Passover to Pentecost is a fifty-day journey specifically designed to prepare you for a fresh and deep experience with the Holy Spirit. In From Passover to Pentecost, Cynthia shares that the Bible tells us to count the fifty days beginning with Passover and ending with Pentecost, called in Hebrew Shavuot (Leviticus 23:15-16). It was on this fiftieth day called Pentecost that the first believers received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). They had been waiting in Jerusalem for the "Promise of the Father" when God's Spirit fell on them. I believe that as we wait upon the LORD from Passover to Pentecost, preparing our hearts by giving Him our love and devotion, we too can receive a fresh endowment of power and revelation through the ever-present living Spirit of God! This book will encourage you to enter into a new place of intimacy with the Holy Spirit, and receive a fresh impartation of power and revelation.

Finally an influential leader in the evangelical movement takes a new look at an old story, the Day of Pentecost, and the events that led up to it. Against the backdrop of biblical history and first century Israel, Phil Brassfield will lead you on an amazing quest to discover what really happened at Pentecost, the journey that led to it, and how it can impact your life in a fresh and powerful way. Discover your own destiny as you walk with Jesus and his first disciples toward one of the great defining moments of all of religious history, the outpouring at Pentecost that birthed the church. And as you make the trip with them, you'll experience the Passion, Purpose, and Power of the fulfillment of God's promise in your life as well!

With exegetical depth, objectivity, and clarity Richard B. Gaffin examines prophecy and tongues and makes a case for the cessation of both gifts at the close of the apostolic era. Pentecost is presented as integral to the once-for-all work of Christ and decisive for the life of the whole church. Dr. Gaffin's biblical theological perspective is thorough. He defines all the spiritual gifts generally; he clarifies the nature of prophecy and tongues and the question of their continuance in the church today; and he indicates how these exegetical studies bear on contemporary interest in charismatic gifts. - Back cover.

Since 2007, use of the Roman Missal of 1962 has been broadly permitted within the church. This creates, in effect, two liturgical years running concurrently. In Advent to Pentecost, Abbot Patrick Regan compares the prayers and prefaces, readings and rubrics, calendar and chants of the 1962 Missal with those of the Missal as it was revised following the Second Vatican Council, now in its third edition. The result is a striking demonstration of the splendor and superiority of the reformed Missal over its predecessor, at least as far as the liturgical year is concerned. Regan's chapters on Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season are particularly informative because these seasons are so different in the two missals. Perhaps less obvious are the differences between Holy Week and the Triduum. Regan not only describes

