



How do the events of Easter and the Pentecost impact on Christians today?



Christians Believe:

Christians believe in one God. They believe that we can experience Him in three ways (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). When Jesus left earth, he asked his followers to baptise new Christians 'in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit). Pentecost happened 50 days after Easter Sunday or 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus had already gone back to Heaven so the disciples and new believers of Jesus were waiting to receive the Holy Spirit because that's what Jesus told them would happen. Since, Jesus wasn't with them anymore the Holy Spirit would help bring them closer to God.

At Pentecost Jesus was taken up to Heaven but there was a great wind, flames and the disciples started talking in many languages. The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples at Pentecost and is here with us still.

How does the Holy Spirit help us?

By living within us and giving us gifts to live a good life. The gifts of Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge,, reverence, and wonder and awe.

We see the Holy Spirit at work in us in the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and Chasity.

Pentecost	the appearance of the tongues of flames on the heads of the disciples which enabled them to go out and speak in all languages to the pilgrims in Jerusalem. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter; it is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.
salvation	God sent Jesus to humanity to die and to be resurrected to allow man to have a pathway back to God where he can live with God for eternity
confirmation	a rite of passage in Christian traditions where a baptised person makes a mature commitment to God
Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Some Christians believe the Holy Spirit can give 7 gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.
ascension	The act of ascending. The bodily ascending of Christ from earth to heaven
disciples	The twelve special friends of Jesus
trinity	The union of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in one God
Holy Spirit	The spirit of God
resurrection	The rising of Jesus from the dead
tongues	languages

