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For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't even match the old garment.

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And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined.



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Pentecost -Shavuot – The Feast of Weeks – **The Feast of Harvest -The Festival of First Fruits**

Pentecost

One of the three feasts, and three times a year that all Israelite males had to travel to Jerusalem (Ex. 23:14, 17). Individuals were to appear before the Lord with sacrifices and offerings (18).

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Individuals were to make an offering of their first fruits. (19) The people of God celebrated the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest.

Implications of Pentecost In the O.T. Pentecost celebrated the end of the barley harvest and it ushered in the beginning of the wheat harvest with a blessing. It was an agricultural and spiritual celebration/holiday.

Implications of Pentecost In Acts, Pentecost marked the end of the primacy of God's Spirit on a single nation and ushered in the primacy of the Holy Spirit indwelling individuals who may now have a personal relationship with God thru Jesus Christ.

Implications of Pentecost In Acts, Pentecost inaugurated the coming of the Holy Spirit, and it is He who granted us the transformative power of God for our lives, relationships, and for the ushering in of God's Kingdom on earth in our time.

Implications of Pentecost In Acts, Pentecost marked God's reversing and redeeming of the barriers, sins, and curses that have separated the human race from God and one another since the Tower of Babel.

Implications of Pentecost On Pentecost the Holy Spirit empowered and blessed God's people to go out to the farthest corners of the earth to fulfill **Christ's Great Commission in their** own languages, cultures, communities, and nations.

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Principle #1 One cannot mix the new wine of the Holy Spirit with the old wineskins of religion, tradition, culture, and comfort without ruining both.

The Lord's new wine often contains the standard ingredients of new power, new illumination, new era, new dispensation, and a new harvest.

Principle #2 Being an old wineskin has nothing to do with age, but it has everything to do with a hard heart and a failure to effectively align our sails with the wind of the Holy Spirit.

Principle #3 We will always be saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, but the rules and regulations regarding the ways we worship and practice our faith constantly change from one generation to the next.

When is the last time you **Built an altar to worship God?** Offered an animal sacrifice for your sins? Made your three pilgrimages to Jerusalem? Were guilty of sin for eating unclean food?

When is the last time you Feared being cut off from God's presence because you didn't circumcise your male children? **Offered a sacrifice for your first** born son in the Temple at Jerusalem?

When is the last time you Killed the Amalekites for their treatment of Israel during the **Exodus**? Washed your guest's feet or anointed their head with oil? Heard that dancing was a sin?

Principle #4

God's new ways are often so radical and so revolutionary that we must constantly fight our temptation to go back to the old ways. Don't allow yourself to become an old wineskin!

Principle #5 God's new ways are less concerned with seemingly pious behaviors and more concerned with nurturing the condition of the heart and the treatment of others both in the community of faith and outside of it.

Principle #6 Don't you dare try to pour the Lord's new wine into the inferior and tainted vessels of sinful behaviors, sinful lifestyles, different religions, secular thoughts, hostile worldviews, or popular culture.

Principle #7 Unfortunately, when we become accustomed to the taste of our old wine, even after it's lost its flavor, we miss out on God's new harvest, because we won't even think about taking a sip of the new wine.

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