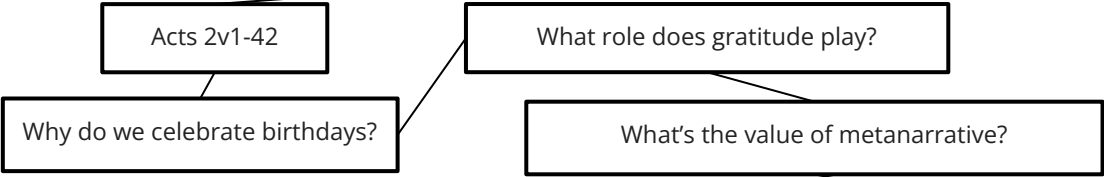


Pentecost Sunday

Why Do We Care About Birthdays?

May 21, 2023



John 19v31-34

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

John 20v19-22

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

"Does a tall man deserve to be tall? Does Prince Steren deserve to be the son of a king? A bird might think he deserves to swim as well as a fish, but if he sits moping on the riverbank instead of using the wings God gave him, the fox is going to eat him. "[He] would rather have his own way than be happy. He's thrown away the grace he was given because it's not the grace he had in mind." The Truthspeaker paused to reflect on that. "There's not much hope for a person who won't live in the grace he's given." _ Jonathan Rogers, The Secret of the Swamp King

What's the value of celebrating the birth of the church?

Jewish Pentecost and the Delivery of the Ten Commandments

Birth in 3 Stages?

1. Delivery by water and blood

2. Breathing In

3. Breathing Out

Who cares?

Pentecost

How did church develop?

Gratitude?

Ephesians 4v1-8

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. 7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

Charisms (Gifts) for every believer for the sake of others

Unity & Diversity

Calling All Owners

Songs: Golden Age (Preview), Canons, Constant, Beautiful Things, Myser, Be Thou My Vision
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