

- As you see, I have a balloon today. Look at the balloon I am holding. I think it is a very nice balloon. It is a pretty color, red is one of my favorite colors, and by looking at the shape of it, I think it would be a very nice round balloon – but here seems to be something missing.
  - This balloon was not intended to be like this – flat and lifeless
  - What does this balloon need? It needs to be filled with air!
  - Before a balloon can be what it was intended to be, we need to breathe some life into it.

On Pentecost God sent his Holy Spirit to breathe life into His church **so that it would be what it was intended to be**.

- Before God sent his Holy Spirit, the church was lifeless -- like this balloon.
  - The church was not witnessing and telling people about Jesus.
  - Disciples were still hiding in the upper room
- In the Gospel Jesus breathed on them (blow it up) and said “Receive the HS”
  - and they were filled – **they became what they were intended to be – CHURCH**
- After the Holy Spirit breathed life into the church, it fulfilled its destiny – people began telling everyone they saw about Jesus. Thousands of people were added to the church.
  - The church became alive and was doing the things God had commanded.
- Now there are few truths this balloon can teach us about Pentecost
  - First – the balloon can’t blow itself up
  - The balloon is dependent upon me to breathe life into it
    - Same with the disciples on Pentecost
    - Until the Holy Spirit filled them – they were timid, unsure, afraid
    - Filled with the Holy Spirit they were dynamic, enthusiastic, alive
    - WE are dependent upon God – He sends the Holy Spirit & we need Him
  - Second – what the balloon is filled with makes a difference
    - Air is nice – but Helium is a whole different story
    - With Helium it can soar to amazing heights
    - I said “Filled with the HS they were dynamic, enthusiastic, alive”
    - Not, filled with the wisdom of Peter
    - Not, filled with good intentions
    - Not, even filled with Good News
    - They needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit
      - They had the wisdom of Peter, good intentions and the Good News
      - Did they soar? NOPE
      - But when they got the Holy Spirit – look out
      - It’s like the difference between air and Helium
  - Third – once we are filled we need to stay filled
    - To stay filled we need to keep the air hose connected to the HS
    - Pray – Scripture – Spiritual Reading - DAILY
- The same HS of Pentecost is alive and well on Andros – and He wants to fill us
- Just as the balloon needs to be filled to be what it was intended to be, you and I need the Holy Spirit to fill us so that we can be all that God wants us to be.
- So we pray the Psalm today – “Lord send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth”