

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

PART #2

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Review

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

Mat 3:12 Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

1. Many Christians view Pentecost as just a symbol – or a nice image they’ve seen in a stained glass window. Don’t reduce the Holy Spirit’s work to an event in history. The Lord wants to make Pentecost a personal experience in every one’s life.
2. The early church could not fulfill its mission without the wind and the fire-and neither can we fulfill God’s mission without a re-empowerment of the Holy Ghost. Every believer need to be baptized with the Holy Ghost.
3. In some paintings of Pentecost, the fire resting on the heads of the disciples has been depicted to look like tiny flames from Bic lighters or birthday candles. I doubt the Spirit’s power looked so puny. When His anointing flows through us we receive power to witness, heal the sick, cast out demons, speak divinely inspired words and receive His divine direction. Don’t minimize the Spirit’s potential in your life. **Dare to catch on fire!**
4. The fire of God’s Spirit took a group of plain ordinary people and shaped them into His Church, a Church of power! The fire of Pentecost made a difference.

5. "Pentecost turned boring religion into an amazing adventure, and it transformed ordinary people into bold missionaries. It can do the same for us today."
6. **Spirit and Truth**: If you have the Spirit without the Word, you blow up. If you have the Word without the Spirit, you dry up. If you have both the Word and the Spirit, you grow up.

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And when the day of Pentecost - The word "Pentecost" is a Greek word signifying the 50th part of a thing, or the 50th in order. Among the Jews it was applied to one of their three great feasts which began on the 50th day after the Passover. This feast was reckoned from the 16th day of the month Abib, or April, or the second day of the Passover. The paschal lamb was slain on the 14th of the month at evening, [Lev 23:5](#); on the 15th day of the month was a holy convocation - the proper beginning of the feast; on the 16th day was the offering

Paschal Lamb

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1. (Non-Christian Religions / Judaism) (*sometimes not capitals*) *Old Testament* the lamb killed and eaten on the first day of the Passover
2. (Christianity / Ecclesiastical Terms) Christ regarded as this sacrifice
3. meaning associated with Passover (or Easter)"

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Act 2:9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

Act 2:10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

Act 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Act 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Act 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Act 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

LAW AND COVENANT

1. Under the Old Testament Pentecost, the Law was written on Tables of Stone, and the Tabernacle of Moses, the Aaronic Priesthood Order is given, The Church in the Wilderness was established. Exodus 19:1-6; Exodus chapters 20-40.

2. Under the New Testament Pentecost, the Law is written on Tables of the Heart, by the Spirit. Here the New Testament Order of the Church is established. 2 Corinthians 3.

SUPERNATURAL MANIFESTATIONS

1. At Pentecost there were Divine Signs “A sound came from heaven” The Spirit was being outpoured. The Spirit descending from God.

Three Supernatural Signs Given:

1. **The Mighty Rushing Wind**: Filled the house.
2. **The cloven tongues like as fire**: Sat on each of them.
3. **The speaking with other tongues**: As the Spirit gave them the utterance. They were all filled with the Spirit.

The **Wind** and the **Fire** were both Old Testament symbols of the Holy Spirit.

These signs touched the senses of “**seeing**” and “**Hearing**”

They **SAW** and they **HEARD**.

These things are the only evidence of a true witness and testimony

ONE SOURCE OF DEVINE FIRE

1. This one source of divine fire became the cloven tongues of fire upon each disciple. Many flames were lit from the one fire.
2. **Tongues of Fire**, is essence it was the lighting of the Golden Candlestick as a fulfilled in the New Testament Church so that the Lord would have the witness of LIGHT in the world, in and through the church.
3. **The Burning Bush** (Hebrews 1:7; Exodus 3:1-15.)
 - a. As God arrested Moses and spake to him from out of the Burning Bush and Glory of His Holiness, so God would make the New Testament Church a Burning Bush; “Burning yet unconsumed” to arrest the unbelieving world,

causing His fire, His voice, His Holiness, His Name, to be revealed in convicting, convincing, converting power.

- b. This fire would be seen and heard in the Church, Purging, purging, cleansing, warming, and revealing the Glory of the risen Christ in the Church, His Body.

ALL FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

1. Jesus had previously spoken to His disciples of the necessity of His leaving them and pouring out of His Spirit.

Joh 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Joh 14:19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

2. True Christianity is Christ re-living His life in His own, saying and doing in and through them exactly what he said and did while He was here with them. This is the glorious Mystery, “Christ **IN** you, the Hope of Glory.”
 - a. Baptized with the Spirit: “Symbol of immersion into the Spirit”
 - b. Filled with the Spirit: “Filled as empty vessels would be.
 - c. Receiving the Spirit: AS receiving or taking a Gift from a Giver
 - d. Falling upon Them: Or the Spirit came upon them
 - e. The Holy Spirit given: Holy Ghost is a Gift
 - f. Poured out upon them: Rain, Waters, Rivers, Dew, and Oil (All symbols)
 - g. Endued with Power: “Literally, clothed with power from on high” as with a garment.

