

Holy Spirit Series

The Power of the Spirit

Acts 1:6-8 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But **you will receive power** when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Arrival of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Review:

The Person of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a person and the Spirit is all about a personal relationship.

John 14:17 ESV "... the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4,5 while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise of the Father**, which, he said, "you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The day of Pentecost, which was a Jewish Holiday, 50 days after Passover.

The Holy Spirit experience spilled out into the streets... some people were convicted, others mocked thinking they were drunk or crazy!

- Some asked what is this? What shall we do? Acts 2:33 And Jesus who is risen from the dead is "... exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father **the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this** that you yourselves are seeing and hearing."
- The Promise is for You, Acts 2:38,39 ESV And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39 For the promise** is for **you** and for **your children** and for **all who are far off, everyone** whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

On the Day of Pentecost 3000 people repented and were baptized in the name of Jesus and the church was birthed!

Pentecost: 50 days after the **Passover** Holiday, the Jews had another holiday that celebrated the Harvest.

- Passover represents our Salvation.
- Pentecost represents the Harvest.

The Pentecost experience was all about and impartation of Power to live victoriously and bring in the harvest!

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Why Wind? "... came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind..."

- In the Old Testament the word translated "Spirit" is "Ruwach" – a wind, breath, a violent exhalation, blast of breath.
- In the New Testament wind comes from the Greek word "Pneuma" – a current of air, blast of breath, a strong breeze.

3 Important things about wind

1) Wind is Unseen.

This is like the Holy Spirit, you can't really see him, but you know He is working.

The crowds began asking what is going on?!

Acts 2:12,13 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Jesus said when the wind of God's Spirit is blowing in your life, you may not see the wind, but you see the effects of that wind.

2) Wind is Unpredictable.

a) The Holy Spirit is unpredictable too.

b) Don't try to put the Holy Spirit in a box. Be open to the unseen work of the Spirit.

3) Wind is Powerful.

We need to be more like the Upper Room Community on the day of Pentecost... they experienced power!

1) They went in there Unbelieving and came out in Faith.

2) They went in Fearful, but came out with Boldness.

3) They went in not knowing how to Pray, but when they came out powerful Pray-ers.

4) They went in Blinded and Confused, they came out with Prophetic Eyes.

Holy Spirit Power

1) Power to Share Christ Boldly.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit **and with deep conviction**.

Trust in the unseen power of the Spirit to bring deep conviction, when you share your Jesus story.

2) Power to Live Supernaturally.

- a) Acts 10:38 NLT And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.
- b) 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.
- c) You might be thinking... I'm not Jesus or the Apostle Paul, no you are not, but you have the same Spirit in you!

Did you know that God has given each one of us some kind of spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT)

3) Power to Experience God Fully.

Ephesians 3:16-21 NIV

(v. 16) I pray that out of his glorious riches he may **strengthen you with power** through his Spirit in your inner being,

(v.17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

(v.18) **may have power**, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

(v. 19) and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that **you may be filled** to the measure of **all the fullness of God**.

(v.20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, **according to his power that is at work within us**.

(v.21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!